# THE EMERALD **ASH BORER IS IN** BOSTON.

Learn how the City of Boston is protecting our ash trees and what you can do to help.





#### WHAT IS THE **EMERALD ASH BORER?**

Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle that kills ash trees when its larvae burrow under the bark and feed on the nutrients that circulate inside the tree. The beetle was first detected in the United States in 2002.



### **HOW IS EMERALD ASH BORER AFFECTING BOSTON'S TREES?**

Emerald Ash Borer was detected in 2014 and some ash trees in Boston's neighborhoods are displaying signs of infestation. It may take 3 to 5 years for trees to begin showing outward signs of Emerald Ash Borer activity.



#### WHAT DOES THE **EMERALD ASH BORER** EAT?

The pest feeds only on ash trees and kills 99% of the ash trees it infests. If more than one-third of an infested ash tree is dead due to damage from Emerald Ash Borer, the tree cannot be saved and must be removed.

## WHAT IS THE CITY OF **BOSTON DOING TO HELP?**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is

- Identifying and removing sick ash trees
- Working to protect the health of our public street trees
- Continuing the Urban Forest Plan to expand the Boston's tree canopy.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Look out for trees marked for removal or treatment over the coming months. Never move tree material from one location to another.
- If you see a street tree or a tree in a public park that you think may be infested, contact 311.

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