

Emerald Ash Borer

Non-Native Insect

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native insect that was discovered in Michigan in the summer of 2002. EAB insects feed on ash trees, which over time results in tree mortality. Since their discovery, state and local governments have made significant efforts to eradicate them. Despite efforts made, the insect population has continued to migrate in all directions from its origin in Michigan.

The [United States Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA) has been monitoring the insect population as it established itself in Illinois. EAB populations have been confirmed in Highland Park in 2011 and in the nearby communities of Lake Forest, Glenview, Buffalo Grove and Libertyville. More information on the Emerald Ash Borer in Highland Park can be found in this [attachment](#).

[Information for tree inspection when buying or selling a home.](#)

Ash Tree Removal

The City's Forestry Division is removing ash trees located on public rights of way that are in poor health to reduce our population numbers. The City also stopped planting ash trees in 2003. Ash trees currently make up approximately 15% of our street trees with many more on private property.

Additional Information

Additional information on the emerald ash borer can be found by visiting the [Illinois Department of Agriculture](#).