



Michigan

Emerald Ash Borer Response Project

Michigan Department of Agriculture
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Michigan State University
U.S. Department of Agriculture

December 21, 2004

Dear Local Official,

The Emerald Ash Borer, an exotic pest discovered in Southeast Michigan in 2002, has caused significant ash tree death and destruction. It's recognized the insect has placed severe financial demands on communities and homeowners in this region in terms of tree removal and disposal.

Beginning in 2005, a three-year voluntary, self-funded program to assist the 13 quarantine counties with removal and disposal of ash trees will be available to your municipality, private landowners and businesses. Access to this municipalities program must be coordinated through a local unit of government.

In order to participate in this program, your municipality is asked to identify a municipal coordinator. This coordinator should attend an orientation session. The first round of these sessions is scheduled on January 11 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center and January 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the SEMCOG office. Additional orientation sessions will be posted on the MDA website at www.michigan.gov/eab

At the orientation session, the program will be presented and appropriate materials shared. To effectively prepare for the January orientation sessions, we request that you fax back the enclosed form to 517-335-1423 by January 7th.

The intent of this letter is to assure your awareness and availability to the EAB Tree Removal Program. There are more than 300 municipalities in the quarantine area that are eligible to participate in this program. Don't be left out of this opportunity to assist your municipality, landowners and businesses.

For further information on the program visit the website at www.michigan.gov/eab Click on "Emerald Ash Borer" then "Tree Removal."

Sincerely,

Patricia Lockwood
EAB Policy Director
Office of Jennifer M. Granholm
Phone: 517-241-2576