

New Emerald Ash Borer Detections in the Twin Cities

The last week of January was a busy one for emerald ash borer (EAB) discoveries in the Twin Cities. On January 28th, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) followed up on a call from Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) about symptomatic ash trees in Lakewood Cemetery near the intersection of King's Highway and 38th Street. Upon inspection, MDA was able to positively identify EAB galleries in 3 ash trees in this area. On January 29th, MDA followed up on a call from St Paul Forestry about EAB infested trees in Como Park near the intersection of Lexington Parkway and Jessamine Avenue. MDA and St Paul Forestry were able to find evidence of EAB in 20+ trees in this area.

On January 30th, MDA followed up on another call from St Paul Forestry about EAB infested trees near the wood disposal site on Pig's Eye Lake Road. There are not a lot of ash trees near the disposal site, but evidence of EAB could be found in 15+ small diameter ash trees along the road.

These locations, as well as all other sites where EAB has been confirmed can be viewed at <http://gis.mda.state.mn.us/maps/eab.htm>. This map is updated within a day of new EAB discoveries, so you see up-to-date information when you check it.

As is usually the case, the symptom that attracted attention to these trees at all 3 sites was wood-pecking, and the sign that confirmed EAB in the trees was "S" shaped tunneling beneath the bark. Over the coming weeks, MDA will be conducting survey with MPRB and St Paul Forestry to find additional symptomatic trees in these areas.

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Other offerings at the workshops include:

- Minnesota Tree Inspector Exam (offered at the end of the workshop – must sign up for the exam when registering for the workshop)
- Continuing Education Credits for:
 - Minnesota Tree Inspector Recertification
 - Society of American Foresters (SAF)
 - International Society of Arborists (ISA)

To view workshop locations, dates and registration information visit:

www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/forest-pest-first-director/