



Save Your Ash Trees!

They line our streets, add beauty to our neighborhoods, and shade our homes and families from the summer heat. Ash trees add so much to our environment here in Minnesota. **But now these beautiful trees face a serious threat: the Emerald Ash Borer.**

A species not native to this country, the Emerald Ash Borer beetle was first discovered in Michigan in 2002. Since then, it has spread to 12 states and two Canadian Provinces. Michigan alone has lost tens of millions of ash trees. **Now, ash trees in the Twin Cities area have begun to show signs of infestation.**





Courtesy of Arborjet®

How Do I Know if I Have a Problem?

You may not. It takes 2-4 years for trees to begin to show the signs of Ash Borer infestation. The adult Emerald Ash Borer bores into ash trees and lays eggs. The larvae then feed in the growth ring just under the bark, damaging the tree's vascular system that transports water and nutrients up the trunk and into the canopy.

Generally, the first indication of trouble you'll receive is a thinning of the canopy foliage. Once canopy die-back reaches 50%, it's probably too late to save the tree.



Courtesy of Arborjet®

What Can Be Done?

Fortunately, there is something that can be done to deal with this threat.

Community Lawn Care offers effective treatment options that can prevent ash borer damage as well as help infested trees recover.

You can choose the level of protection you feel is appropriate for your trees:

- **Good** – You can purchase Merit®, a product containing the insecticide imidacloprid, and apply it as a soil drench.
- **Better** – One of our licensed ornamental specialists will inject imidacloprid into the trunk of the tree.
- **Best** – One of our licensed ornamental specialists will inject Tree-äge™ (emamectin benzoate) into the trunk of the tree.

Why Do We Recommend Tree-äge™?

Developed as a result of extensive research in Michigan—where the Emerald Ash Borer infestations began—Tree-äge is the newest and, we feel, the best way to protect individual ash trees.



Tree-äge treatment is:

- **Effective** – It's the larvae of the Emerald Ash Borer that actually damage the tree. According to a Michigan study, emamectin benzoate is the only option that delivers a 99% reduction of larvae populations.
- **Economical** – At least two years of prevention or cure, as opposed to soil drenches which require more frequent treatment.
- **Eco-friendly** – Tree-äge is a systemic insecticide that is taken into the canopy by the tree's vascular system, so there is no effect on animals and insects landing and living on the treated tree.
- **Simple and quick** – Using a pressurized injection system, our trained ornamental specialist can treat most trees in 20-30 minutes.





101 8th Street NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

763-682-5134 www.centrasota.com



Don't Wait. Take Action Now.

Even if you haven't seen the signs, the Ash Borer is here—and has been for several years. Don't wait for signs of damage to protect your ash trees. One of our ornamental specialists can come to your location and provide a free assessment of the advantages and cost of treating your ash trees. **Call Community Lawn Care today at 763-682-5134 to schedule a visit.**

For those of you who have other trees on your property, treatment for Emerald Ash Borer is only one part of a comprehensive health maintenance program for all your trees. Ask about our complete Tree Health Program, which includes fertilization, air spading, and control of other common pests like Oak Wilt.