

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Isanti County

Emergency quarantine on wood movement put in place for southern portion of Isanti County

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Isanti County located in Stanford Township after a tree care company doing work in the area reported infested trees to the MDA. There are now 37 counties in the state, including Isanti, with EAB.

Emerald ash borer is a quarantined invasive species. Items that could transport this insect, including firewood, may not be moved without permission from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Because this is the first time EAB has been identified in Isanti County, the MDA is enacting an emergency quarantine of the southern portion of Isanti County south of State Highway 95, which limits the movement of firewood and ash material out of the area.

EAB was first discovered in Minnesota in 2009. The insect larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. Often, the trees show several signs of infestation because of this. Woodpeckers like to feed on EAB larvae, and woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of emerald ash borer. Also, EAB tunneling can cause the bark to split open, revealing characteristic S-shaped galleries underneath.

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- [online reporting form](#)
- reportapest@state.mn.us (email)
- 1-888-545-6684 (voicemail)

Quick Facts

- EAB is a very destructive insect pest of ash trees.
- EAB attacks all species of North American ash.
- Once an ash is attacked by EAB, it will be killed if it is not protected.
- Ash trees can be protected from EAB with available insecticides.
- EAB will move only about one half to one mile a year from infested sites. However, people can carry it hundreds of miles when transporting firewood and other wood products or nursery stock.

To find out more information about EAB visit <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab> and <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/eab/index.html>