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2023 Right-of-Way (ROW) Emerald Ash Borer Treatment FAQ

In Spring 2023, the City completed a Right-of-Way (ROW) tree inventory project to identify ash trees in the ROW. This study found approximately 2,500 ash trees worth preserving. The City will provide preventative treatments on a one-time basis to preserve these trees from emerald ash borer. See below for more information.

Q. - Why is the City treating these ash trees?

A. - Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a highly invasive insect that is fatal to all ash trees. Learn more here: <https://www.cityofwestminster.us/EmeraldAshBorer>. If you received a letter from the City, there is at least one ash in the ROW abutting your property that meets treatment criteria.

Q. - Where is the ROW?

A. - Within 10-12ft. from the curb into your yard/property. These areas may look like they're fully on your property. The ROW tree inventory project was completed in Spring 2023 by contractors.

Q. - Who's responsible for maintaining the ROW and ROW trees?

A. - In most cases, the abutting property owner is responsible for ROW trees, including planting, removing, pruning, and applying preventative treatments.

Q. - If that's the case, why is the City providing treatments in the ROW?

A. - The EAB infestation has reached a critical stage where widespread ash mortality is expected unless ash trees receive preventative treatments. The City is stepping in to offer one-time treatments to preserve these trees and the many benefits they provide while continuing to educate the public about EAB. All future treatments and tree maintenance are the responsibility of abutting property owners.

Q. - How long does the treatment last?

A. - The treatment is effective for 2-3 years. If your tree received a free treatment, all future treatments are your responsibility. Please plan ahead for this service. You may have other ash trees outside of the ROW on your property. Please consider hiring a tree care contractor to preserve these trees if they are in good condition.



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Q. - When will these treatments take place?

A. - The work will take place between July - Sept. 2023. You will not be notified about which day the work occurs; however, you don't need to be home during the work. All trees that receive a treatment will have a tag with EAB information stapled to the tree trunk.

Q. - Are the trees going to be sprayed?

A. - No spraying will occur. Treatments will be delivered using micro-injection systems that put the product directly into the tree trunk, which then spreads throughout the tree. Please view the City of Westminster Forestry webpage to see a video demonstrating the micro-injection system.

Q. - What product is being used?

A. - The active ingredient is Emamectin Benzoate. This product has been shown to be very effective in protecting ash trees against emerald ash borer.

Q. - Who is doing the work?

A. - A City-hired contractor, Taddiken Tree Company, will perform the work.

Q. - Will equipment be driven onto my property?

A. - No, the work does not require heavy equipment. All necessary equipment will be carried to the tree by hand by the contractor.

Q. - How do I hire a tree care company?

A. - Please visit:

<https://www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation/Parks,TrailsOpenSpace/Forestry/HowtoHireaTreeCareCompany>

Q. - What about all of the other ash trees in the city that aren't in the ROW?

A. - Private property trees are the responsibility of private property owners. Please contact a tree care company to discuss options for your ash trees. Publicly owned trees are managed by the City.