

Emerald Ash Borer: Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I help control the spread of this insect?

Since many species of wood-boring insects, including the Emerald Ash Borer, can be spread through transport of infested firewood and logs, campers and homeowners are encouraged to: use only locally harvested firewood; burn all of it on-site; and not carry it to new locations. If you have ash trees, look for the following signs of infection:

- General decline in overall health of tree
- D-shaped exit hole (see Figure 1)
- Identify the insect (see Figures 2 and 3)



Figure 1. D-shaped exit holes



Figure 2. Emerald Ash Borer (Photo Credit: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources—Forestry Archives)



Figure 3. Emerald Ash Borer (Photo Credit: www.emeraldashborer.info)

2. What should I do if I suspect my ash tree is infected?

People who suspect they have seen Emerald Ash Borer should call the department's toll-free pest hotline at 1-866-253-7189. For more information about Emerald Ash Borer, visit <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/> or call 717-772-5229.

3. Is it safe to continue gardening activities?

Yes. Emerald Ash Borer feeds exclusively on ash trees. Other trees and plants are not at risk.

4. Where can I find more information?

You can visit:

- www.emeraldashborer.info
- Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: www.agriculture.state.pa.us
- USDA APHIS Web site: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/index.shtml