

# PEST ALERT: Emerald Ash Borer Invades Colorado



- ◆ Over 200 million Ash trees lost nation wide
- ◆ Multiple infected trees found in Boulder
- ◆ Experts predict 99% of all untreated Ash species will be killed within infected areas.
- ◆ Ash is one of the most common shade trees planted along the front range.

## Devastating Pest Reaches CO

Emerald Ash Borer is the most costly & damaging pest in our country's history. Last fall several Ash trees were found infected in the Boulder area. It is estimated that the insect has been in the area for multiple years. The spread and magnitude of infestation is still under investigation. It is clear that we will need to address this pest in the future. Ash has gone from a quality species that does well in our climate, to a tree with a questionable future at best.

## Protecting Valuable Trees

Chemical treatments have proven effective in infested areas. There is a debate among experts as to when treatments should begin. Waiting too long can lead to infestation, which leads to decline/death of the tree. Treating too early incurs cost and increases chemical exposure to the environment.

As of now, Emerald Ash Borer has not been identified in Larimer County. It may be here now, or it may take a few years to arrive. It is important to get organized now and use the information we have available to decide when we should start treatments.

This will be a long term issue for trees in Northern Colorado. Many Ash trees will be lost to this pest. We would be happy to send an arborist out to help you develop a plan to protect your trees now and in the future.



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