



Village of New Glarus

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Press Release

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Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in New Glarus

New Glarus, WI – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirmed earlier this week that the insect Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in an ash tree within the Village limits. The DNR confirmation follows other confirmed EAB infestations within Green County, including the Village of Brooklyn, Decatur Township, and the City of Monroe. According to the DNR, EAB is an invasive, wood boring beetle that kills ash trees by feeding on the inner bark and starving the tree.

With the recent media attention on the potential for EAB infestations within Wisconsin, the Village of New Glarus is proactively addressing the situation. The Village has approximately 127 ash trees in Village parks or on public terrace areas. In the past five years, the Village selectively removed 16 ash trees, replacing them with different species. In 2016, the Village treated 11 healthy ash trees within Village parks with an injected chemical treatment applied by an application specialist. In addition, the Village offered an EAB treatment cost sharing program for residents with ash trees located within the street terrace area. 22 street terrace trees were treated last year through this program.

The Village will again be offering the EAB treatment cost sharing program for residents with ash trees on the terraces. For those opting to participate in the treatment of their terrace ash trees, the Village will pay fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of this tree injection trees, with the remaining eighty five percent (85%) billed to the property owner. This treatment will provide protection to the trees for two (2) years, and will need to be repeated in the future for continued protection of the trees.

EAB treatment through this program is \$6 per diameter inch of tree width, which represents a discount from the contractor, compared to what a private property owner would pay for treatment on their own. (For example, an 18” diameter tree would cost \$108 to treat, with the village paying \$16.20 and the property owner paying \$91.80.) Contact Deputy Clerk Barb Roesslein at (608) 527-3677 to schedule an appointment with Village Forester Paul Jennrich to review your ash tree and determine the cost of treatment. Please sign up by May 12th. The treatment will be injected into the trees in early summer. *Participating in this program is entirely optional.* Please understand, though, that doing nothing will mean that the ash tree(s) in your terrace will likely not live its full life span and will need removal in the future.

More information about Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin can be found at <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp>. Questions regarding the Village’s treatment efforts may be directed to Bryan Gadow, Village Administrator, at 608-527-5971 or bgadow@newglarusvillage.com

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