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BURNSVILLE TREATING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ASH TREES AS PART OF EAB PLAN

Residents Have Opportunity to Take Advantage of City Bulk Pricing for Private Treatments

Emerald Ash Borer Plan

In 2013, the City of Burnsville approved a plan to protect a portion of its public trees from the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB). The plan dedicates funding over 10 years to treat a number of public ash trees in parks and boulevards, remove others that are in poor condition or become infested, and plant new trees.

This year, in partnership with project consultant Rainbow Treecare, the City will treat more than 1,100 ash trees on public property and remove 270 that are in poor condition. Residents who have public ash trees that will receive treatment in the boulevard adjacent to their homes have already been notified.

Private Ash Tree Treatment

Residents will have the opportunity to take advantage of the City's contract prices to treat ash trees on their private property. Residents will be responsible for the full cost of these private treatments.

Residents interested in scheduling a treatment for private ash trees should contact Rainbow Treecare at 952-767-6920 for pricing and scheduling. The contract prices are valid through the end of 2017. Residents are also encouraged to volunteer to pay for treatment of other existing ash trees in their neighborhoods.

While EAB has not yet been reported in Burnsville, the bug was found nearby in both Eagan and Apple Valley.

The City currently has approximately 2,700 ash trees in its boulevards, 840 in parks and 14,300 in public woodlands. These nearly 18,000 public ash trees, in addition to the more than 22,000 ash trees found on private property, are all at risk if and when the ash borer enters Burnsville.

Planting New Trees

In addition to treatment, residents are encouraged to plant new trees when possible. Residents are reminded that they must obtain a permit from the City before planting any trees in the boulevard/right-of-way on their property (15 feet in from the curb). Any company hired to do tree work – including removals, trimming, and pesticide applications – must have a City tree contractor license. A resident doing tree work themselves on their own property does not need a license. A list of licensed tree contractors is available at www.burnsville.org/forestry.

For more information on the City's Emerald Ash Borer plan call the Forestry Department at 952-895-4508 or visit www.burnsville.org/EAB.

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