

# Homeowner's Decision Guide to Managing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Private Trees

**Do you have an ash tree on your private property?**  
**How many ash trees are on your property?**  
 Follow this link to learn how to identify an ash tree:  
<https://eab.russell.wisc.edu/what-is-an-ash-tree/>

**Are Your Trees Worth Saving?**

- Are trees of value to the homeowner or landscape?
- How does it impact the property value and environment?
- Are the trees in good condition?

**Do you want to save your ash trees from EAB?**  
*If you wait, the decision will be made for you.*

**Remove the Tree**

Ash trees that are not treated will die. EAB is 100% fatal in untreated trees. It is less expensive to remove a live tree than a dead tree. Dead trees cannot be climbed safely and would need the use of a bucket truck for the arborist. Clean-up is also more expensive for dead trees.

**Hire a Tree Care Professional**  
 Wisconsin Arborist Association [www.waa-isa.org](http://www.waa-isa.org)

For EAB Treatment or Removal of Private Trees:	Choosing Which Trees to Replant on Private Property
Obtain at least 2-3 estimates from different companies. Make sure the companies carry workers' compensation insurance and insurance in case of damage to your property.  Hire a certified arborist.  Consider teaming up with neighbors to seek discounts from tree care companies for managing all your trees at once.	When deciding which trees to replant, choose diversity in planting new trees and plant the right tree in the right place. Visit UW Extension for tree species selection:  <a href="https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/choosing-right-landscape-plants-factors-consider/">https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/choosing-right-landscape-plants-factors-consider/</a>  Right Tree Right Place: <a href="https://www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/">https://www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/</a>