



**SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
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Date: February 21, 2023
District: 7 Ward: 1
PIN: 362923120080

Tree Address: 643 ELFELT ST
Compliance Date: March 12, 2023

The City of Saint Paul, pursuant to Chapters 45 and 175 of the City legislative code, conducts annual city-wide surveys for the control of Dutch elm disease (DED), oak wilt (OW), and emerald ash borer (EAB), that threatens the urban forest, and hazardous tree(s) that threaten neighboring people or property. The following tree(s), and/or woodpile(s) located within your property or along a property line is either diseased, infested and/or dangerous, and requires immediate action to remedy the situation:

DBH* (inches)	Tree Type	Diseased or Hazardous	Location
36"	Green Ash	EAB	Located in the northwest corner of backyard

*Diameter at breast height (DBH) and the tree identifier with the number painted in red on tree

If you believe this letter was sent to you in error and the tree(s) is not on your property or on a shared property line, contact Forestry as soon as possible. Please also be prepared to locate your survey markers to assist Forestry in identifying the correct property owners. *Note: Fences are not always a good indicator of the property line. In the event of a property line dispute, an official survey will need to be done at the expense of the property owner.*

Nuisance Abatement Requirements

Emerald Ash Borer:

1. Ash trees marked on your property must be removed or treated with an insecticide to eliminate the pest.
2. Ash trees that are removed must also have stumps debarked including the outer half inch of wood to ground level, to eliminate all EAB larvae in the stump.
3. All wood, brush and debris must be recycled or chipped to an appropriate size of one inch pieces.
4. Insecticidal treatment to kill EAB in the tree is an acceptable option. A signed work proposal between the addressee and a licensed tree company must be submitted to Saint Paul Forestry prior to the compliance date. Upon receipt by Saint Paul Forestry of a signed work proposal the addressee will be given an extension for the treatment until the first Friday in June of that year. The addressee must submit a treatment record to Saint Paul Forestry at the completion of the work for proof of treatment.
5. Ramsey and Hennepin County are currently under quarantine by the State of Minnesota, defining all ash material as a regulated article. No regulated articles are permitted to be

removed from these counties. Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab for up-to-date information on emerald ash borer and state quarantine regulations.

6. Residents can dispose of all ash materials at one of Ramsey County's Yard Waste Sites.

7. According to Saint Paul Legislative Code: Title XVII. Chapter 175, work must be complete within 20 business days.

For questions regarding this section, please call 651-266-6400 during normal business hours of Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Failure to address the nuisance by the deadline specified will result in the City of Saint Paul issuing an abatement order to perform the work with all associated costs collected as a special assessment against the property. The property owner has the option of promptly paying the assessment in full or allowing it to be assessed on the next year's property taxes with accrued interest. In cases of hardship, the owner may attend a legislative hearing to request the assessment be modified over several years. Please note, this is contingent upon the approval of the Legislative Hearing Officer. If you are the new owner of the property, you may still be responsible for any nuisance abatement charges incurred under the previous owner, if the assessments were not ratified by the City Council prior to you taking ownership.

Again, please accept our apologies and notify the Forestry office if you were sent this notice in error.

Sincerely,



Rachel Coyle
Urban Forester Supervisor

Hiring a Tree Contractor

Tree work is dangerous, especially around power lines. We recommend making arrangements with a local tree service if you have no prior experience in tree work. Follow these tips for hiring a tree contractor:

- The City of Saint Paul requires that all contracted tree work be performed by a licensed, bonded and insured company, that employs one Certified Arborist, from the International Society of Arboriculture, and all work comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard A300. (Saint Paul Legislative Code, Title XXIX, Chapter 362).
- A current list of licensed tree contractors in Saint Paul can be obtained from the Department of Safety and Inspection at (651)266-8989.
- Request bids from at least three companies make certain they include the debarking or complete removal of the tree stump(s), removal/hauling of all material and any additional work you may want done in their estimates.
- Do not pay for any work until the job is complete!

The Benefit of Tree Planting

- Trees are amongst the largest living organisms on the planet that provide multiple benefits to humans, animals and the surrounding ecosystem
- Trees provide beauty, shade and calmness to our community
- Trees improve air quality by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and emitting