



Ohio
Emerald Ash Borer Task Force



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Emerald Ash Borer Workshops Scheduled in Cuyahoga County

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (May 9, 2007) – Members of Ohio’s Emerald Ash Borer Task Force invite citizens, municipalities, and representatives of the green and forest industries to several informational workshops regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Cuyahoga County. EAB, which is an ash tree-killing insect from Asia, was found in Cuyahoga County late last year.

Experts are scheduled to provide information about the invasive insect, backyard detection, quarantine issues, and local woodlot and landscape management options. Area businesses dealing with trees or tree products and local citizens should plan to attend one of two workshops:

East Cuyahoga County: Wednesday, May 16, Mayfield Village Civic Hall, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village. Green Industry should attend 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; General public should attend the 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. program.

West Cuyahoga County: Thursday, May 17, Walter Ehrnflet Center, 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville. Green Industry should attend 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; General public should attend the 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. program.

EAB, which threatens Ohio’s 5 billion ash trees and related industries, has been identified in 26 counties. Citizens play an important role in detecting and slowing the spread of this devastating pest by not moving firewood and ash tree materials out of quarantined areas Auglaize, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Defiance, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Sandusky, Seneca, Ottawa, Paulding, Warren, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties. Maps of Ohio’s quarantined areas are available at www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab.

Ash trees infested with EAB typically die within five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees, and when they emerge as adults, leave D-shaped exit holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

For more information, call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.