

EAB Impacts

Wisconsin stands to lose over 700 million ash trees to EAB. The effects of EAB will directly impact the City of Onalaska. An estimated 28% of our publicly-owned trees in parks and on boulevards are ash species (roughly 1,700), with an estimated 1,100 ash trees on private property.



Websites for Resources & Additional Information:

General EAB Information

- <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>

Wisconsin EAB Information Source

- <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp>

Wisconsin DNR Website

- <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/foresthealth/emeraldashborer.html>

City of Onalaska EAB Information

- <http://www.cityofonalaska.com>
 - ⇒ Select the following tabs:
 - “Department Services” then
 - “Planning / Zoning” then
 - “Urban Forestry”

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<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/photos>
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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on City Boulevards



Adult Emerald Ash borer

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/foresthealth/emeraldashborer.html>

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Common Questions

The tree in front of my property, in the boulevard, appears to be diseased, dying, or dead; can I cut down a boulevard tree?

A boulevard is the green area typically located between the street and the sidewalk. The boulevard area is considered “public right-of-way” that is owned by the City of Onalaska and maintained by property owners as required by municipal ordinances. Trees located in this area are owned by the City and only the City has the authority to remove the tree. Property owners may notify the City of the tree’s condition by calling 608-781-9590. The City will make a determination of how the tree will be managed.

Will the City treat the ash tree in the boulevard in front of my property?

At this time, no boulevard trees are planned to be treated as treating ash trees does not remove the threat of EAB. The City will be re-evaluating its policies for how it will handle the nearly 1,700 ash trees in the boulevard.

Can I treat the ash tree in the boulevard in front of my property?

Yes, if property owners choose to treat ash trees in the boulevard, they may. However, the City will still likely remove the tree at a later date and will not reimburse any costs spent on treatment activities.

Will the City cut down the ash tree in the boulevard area?

The City will notify property owners prior to beginning tree removal activities. The City will remove all dead trees and trees that pose a public safety threat from the boulevard.

The ash tree in front of my property doesn’t look diseased, why will the City remove it?

Once EAB has infested a community, it is only a matter of time until the effects of the insect show on the tree. As EAB has been found in La Crosse, Onalaska, and Holmen, it is most likely that the tree is infected, but not showing symptoms. It is only a matter of time until the tree loses its structural integrity and begins to lose limbs and lose leaves in the tree crown.

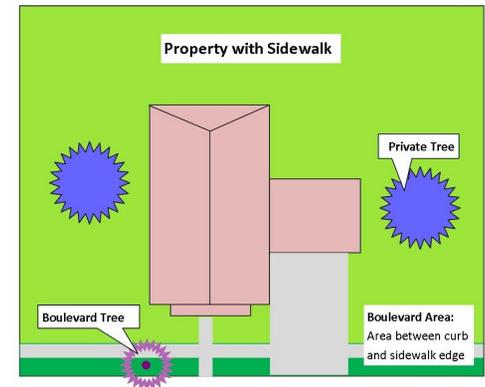
When will the City plant a new boulevard tree in front of my house?

Due to large number of ash trees throughout the City, the City will not be able to immediately re-plant new trees. As municipal funding and resources allow, trees will be replanted in the boulevard.

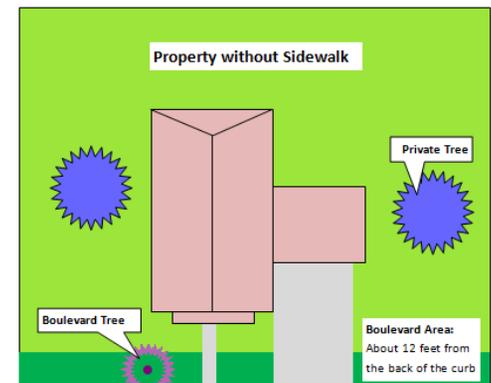
Can I plant a tree in the boulevard?

Yes, citizens may plant trees in the boulevard area. The City has a “Recommended Boulevard Planting List” that details a number of preferred plant species on the City of Onalaska webpage. The City recommends working with a certified arborist or tree service provider for proper tree placement, planting, and maintenance.

Boulevard Diagrams: Property with a Sidewalk:



Property without a Sidewalk:



*The boulevard area is typically measured 12 feet from the back of the curb.