

Danville's Action Plan for Dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

EAB is an alien invasive insect that kills all species of ash in North America.

EAB is present in nearby Vermont towns and will soon invade and kill ash trees in Danville.

This EAB Preparedness Plan describes:

- How to identify ash trees
- How to identify the EAB, and its presence in ash trees, and the damage it causes
- The number, size, and condition of ash trees in our road right-of-ways (ROWs) and in public areas
- Actions to be taken by the Town to reduce the hazards created by EAB infested trees
- Who is responsible for dealing with ash trees in the ROWs and in public places
- What happens to the ash trees removed within the ROWs and public places
- Estimated costs associated with dealing with EAB affected trees in Danville's ROWs and public places
- Restrictions/regulations regarding transporting ash logs, firewood, etc. within the state

Facts:

- Based on our 2017 survey, we estimate that there are about 1,200 ash trees 12" or larger in our rural ROWs, and about 34 within the village and in public areas. Ash trees along the rail trail or along Town Forest trails were not included.
- As it is much safer and cheaper to remove ash trees while they are still living, it may make sense to preemptively remove potential hazard trees from ROWs before they become infested.
- Trees that may affect power lines are the responsibility of Green Mountain Power Co.