

# Emerald Ash Borer Found Across Mississippi River

Emerald ash borers have been found near Victory, Wisconsin, on the east bank of the Mississippi River across from Allamakee County in Iowa. The infestation is less than five miles southeast of the Minnesota-Iowa border.

Emerald ash borers, native to Asia, kill ash trees when larva burrows under the bark and eats the growing layers of the tree. Ash trees are popular landscaping trees and one of the most abundant native tree species in North America. Iowa has an estimated 58 mil-

lion rural ash trees and approximately 30 million urban ash trees.

The Department of Natural Resources estimates there are five million ash trees in Allamakee County alone. Allamakee is the most forested county in Iowa with 42% of the land covered by trees.

The Iowa Emerald Ash Borer Team includes officials from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa State University Extension, and the

USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service and USDA Forest Service. The team is monitoring Iowa's ash trees to assure the borer has not spread into Iowa. The team focuses on high risk areas where people would bring out-of-state wood, such as campgrounds, nurseries, and sawmills.

To learn more about the emerald ash borer, and other pests threatening Iowa's trees, visit

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