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Warren County landowners urged to watch for emerald ash borer infestation

WARREN COUNTY, NY -- [Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District](#) (WCSWCD) staff are warning landowners in Warren County to watch for impacts on trees from emerald ash borer infestation after additional areas of damage from the invasive insect were noted recently in Queensbury and Lake George.

Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations were found in the towns of Chester and Warrensburg in 2020, and WCSWCD staff recently noted ash trees that had been damaged by EAB on Flat Rock Road in Lake George and on Route 9 at the Queensbury/Lake George town line.

Jim Lieberum, WCSWCD District Manager, said the continued spread of EAB should prompt landowners to inspect ash trees to watch for the insect's presence, as EAB kill ash trees within 2 to 4 years of infestation, leaving trees susceptible to storm or wind damage.

"Ash trees that are infested with emerald ash borers decline quickly and lose their structural integrity quickly and that will lead to trees and limbs falling, potentially hurting people or damaging property," **Lieberum explained**. "Landowners can treat their ash trees to try to prevent EAB from damaging them but it has to be done quickly before EAB begin to severely damage a tree."

There is no statewide or regional treatment program for EAB at this time. Those with ash trees in yards or around their homes should contact a forester or tree service to assess their situation. WCSWCD or New York State Department of Environmental Conservation staff can be contacted by those who own woodlots with ash trees to review their options.

The DEC's webpage on EAB, which shows photos of damaged trees, [can be found here](#).

For more information, log on to the websites of the [Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program](#) or the [Capital Region Prism Partnership For Regional Invasive Species Management](#).

WCSWCD staff can be reached at 518-623-3119 for questions.

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CUTLINE: Attached photos of infested ash trees in Lake George, as seen by WCSWCD staff earlier this month.

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