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## Salida Tree Board

*A town without trees isn't fit for a dog!*

Dear Licensed Salida Arborist,

The Salida Tree Board is asking our licensed arborists to help us monitor for the presence of emerald ash borer. The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an introduced insect responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in the eastern United States. Unfortunately, it has now been found in several cities on the Front Range. Green ash comprise 15% or more of the trees in Salida, and it has been a particularly successful species in our city. We don't want to lose them!

Tunneling and feeding under the bark by the EAB larvae is what eventually kills an infested ash tree. As the emerging adult insects will only fly half a mile to infest new trees, this insect is unlikely to reach Salida on its own. But it can be introduced if infested firewood is brought into town from the Front Range or elsewhere, which is the source of our concern.

When pruning or removing a green ash or autumn purple ash, we are asking you to please **remove two branches 2-3" in diameter at the base and about 30" long from the middle of the crown of the tree, ideally on the south side.** Please label them with the address of the tree and bring them to public works. The tree board will look for D-shaped adult exit holes and shave the bark off in thin strips, searching for galleries, larvae, and pupae. If a tree is identified as infested, the options are removal, replacement, or chemical treatments. Licensed arborists will certainly be notified if EAB is detected in Salida.

We very much appreciate your cooperation in helping us monitor for EAB!

Sincerely,

The Salida Tree Board