

On June 30, 2010 the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of an Emerald Ash Bore Beetle on a tree within the City of Cudahy. The City will be working with the Department of Agriculture to determine the extent of the outbreak. Prior to this confirmation the City has been working with a firm to develop a strategic plan to manage the onset of the Emerald Ash Bore beetle here in Cudahy. The plan would provide City staff with information and direction on which trees are healthy enough to save, which trees should be removed and when, and the species to be replanted. Completion of that plan is anticipated for December of this year. Until a plan can be put into place, the City will work with the Department of Agriculture on mitigating the immediate problem area.

Since the beetle can spread through fire wood, the City is under Quarantine. This Quarantine means that all fire wood and tree cutting/chipping material generated in the City of Cudahy should not leave the City of Cudahy unless it is being hauled and disposed of at a Quarantined facility. Firewood should not be transported anywhere outside Cudahy. So please do not pack up firewood of any kind and take it with you on your next camping trip or on the family vacation.

In addition, the City usually has firewood available for pick-up by the residents. We will discontinue this practice until further notice. The City will still accept wood and brush at the City's Transfer Station. Please refer to the website or the newsletter for the Transfer Station hours.

Information regarding the Emerald Ash Bore can be found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov. Questions regarding this specific confirmation in the City of Cudahy can be directed to langemj@ci.cudahy.wi.us.