



Announcing New Tools for Municipalities Battling the Emerald Ash Borer

Municipalities of all sizes in Ontario can now easily access a suite of new, free tools developed to assist in their current or pending battle against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This invasive pest kills ash trees and poses significant risks to people, property and the environment as it spreads its devastation throughout southern, central and eastern Ontario. Municipal governments need to have appropriate EAB management strategies in place that address the range of issues, threats and impacts that can affect their jurisdictions. These new tools will help raise awareness, and aid in the development or review of sound strategies:

- (1) An informative municipal-oriented overview video entitled "Emerald Ash Borer: Facts & Tactics for Urban Residents & Municipal Officials"
- (2) A concise slideshow designed to help in "Developing a Municipal Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy: Operational Guidelines and Recommendations for Ontario Municipalities"
- (3) An informative rural-oriented overview video entitled "Emerald Ash Borer: Facts and Tactics for Woodlot Owners and Forest Managers"

The combination viewing of the urban video (1), and then the slideshow (2), will help municipal officials, and councillors, to get up-to-speed quickly on EAB and the related issues affecting municipalities. The point-form slideshow outlines General Recommendations and a Seven Step Strategy that serves as a valuable guideline for those who are tasked with developing or reviewing a relevant strategy for their jurisdiction. The rural video (3) will benefit those jurisdictions that also have community forests, conservation areas, or private woodlot owners with tracts of ash. Both videos feature expert interviews. To view and download these new tools please visit: www.eomf.on.ca/eab.

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