The EAB Life Cycle

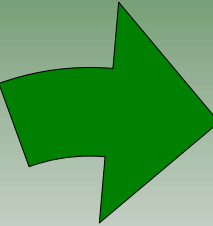**Adults**
Found mid-May to mid-September, the adults are responsible for the natural spread of the insect, usually less than ½ mile per year.
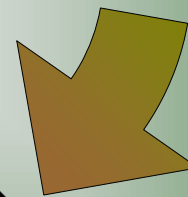
Eggs
A single female can lay 90 to 200 eggs in the cracks of ash tree bark which will hatch in approximately 3 weeks.
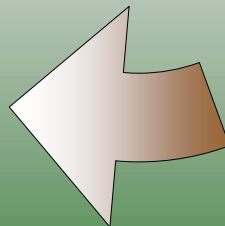
Moved by Firewood!

Exit Holes
The mature beetles chew their way through the bark in the spring and early summer, creating distinct D-shaped exit holes.

Larva
Eat their way into the cambial layer (just under the bark) where they spend 1 to 2 years eating and growing.

Pupae
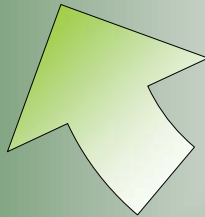The EAB over-winters as a "pupa" just underneath the bark of the ash tree.

Galleries
The tunnels left by the feeding larva have a distinct S-shape pattern. Each gallery only damages a small section of the tree, but hundreds of galleries can kill the tree.