



## **Emerald Ash Borer Survey Program**

**Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

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**2011 Summer Survey**

### **What is the Emerald Ash Borer Survey Program?**

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Survey Program is an ongoing effort to monitor for the presence of the emerald ash borer in Wisconsin. During the 2011 survey season, crews with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will focus efforts on deploying approximately 6,000 traps across much of the state.

### **Where will surveys be done?**

The purple prism traps, or “sticky traps” as they’re often called, will be placed in all but seven counties. Some counties will have a higher number of traps than others based on certain risk factors. Counties not being surveyed include Brown, Crawford, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Vernon and Washington.

### **How do the traps work?**

The traps employ a pair of chemical lures to mimic the scent of stressed ash trees, attracting beetles as they search for weak trees. The traps are coated with a sticky substance and once the beetle lands on it, they become trapped. Unlike the well known Japanese beetle or gypsy moth traps, the EAB trap will NOT draw additional beetles to the area where it is deployed.

### **What if I see a trap on the ground?**

If you see a purple trap that has fallen out of a tree, locate the identification number on the trap sign attached to the tree and call the toll-free telephone number below.

### **How will I know if workers belong to the EAB Survey?**

Crews will carry official identification, wear fluorescent safety vests and vehicles will have signs indicating “EAB Survey.”

### **Can I put a trap on my property?**

Traps are not available to the general public and the placement of traps follows a pre-determined trapping plan approved by state and federal agencies. Most often, the traps will be hung on trees in public rights-of-way. In some cases, workers may request permission from a private landowner to deploy a trap in a tree that is not located on a right-of-way.

### **Is there anything I can do to help with the EAB problem?**

Yes. If you use firewood for home heating or camping, buy or harvest your firewood from nearby sources. Don’t move firewood over long distances as that tends to spread pests and diseases into new, non-infested areas.

### **Where can I get more information?**

On the web at [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) or by calling the Emerald Ash Borer Hotline at **1-800-462-2803**.