



Emerald Ash Borer Survey Program

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

2013 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 2012 survey season, crews with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will focus efforts on deploying approximately 2,000 traps across much of northern Wisconsin.

Where will surveys be done?

The purple prism traps, or “sticky traps” as they’re often called, will be placed mostly in northern Wisconsin according to a new federal survey strategy. Some survey trapping will also be done on a limited basis in the southern half of the state, near high-risk locations such as campgrounds and industrial facilities.

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 weakened trees. The traps are coated with a sticky substance and once the beetle lands on it, they become trapped. The 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. 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 or buy it from one of Wisconsin’s certified firewood dealers. Don’t move firewood over long distances as that may spread pests and diseases into non-infested areas.

Where can I get more information?

On the web: www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov or by calling the Emerald Ash Borer Hotline: **1-800-462-2803**