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## Officials learn options for ash borer treatment

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The Michigan Department of Agriculture refers to the Emerald Ash Borer as "an unwanted hitchhiker."

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That's because the dark, metallic green pest, which is a half inch in length and/s inch wide, six's native to the area or anywhere in the United States. It's from Asia and probably transported on wooden pallets, experts believe.
The bug wreaks have on ash trees, it was first discovered in the six southeast Michigan counties of Wayne, Macomb, Oskland, Monroe, Washtenaw and Livingston. It has also been detected in Michigan for five years.
"We have no idea how many trees are affected in Farmington,' said Farmington Public Services Director Kevia Gushama.

He was recently contacted by

He was recently contacted by Dale Hawkins, a local resident, who identified herself as a "scout" for the Michigan State

after dead branches are first found.

It's a good idea to treat ash reces within one mile of a known infestation, because the insect can only fly one mile, according to Carol Eve Hyska, chairwoman of the Farmington Commission on the Environment, Hyska is also an advanced master gardener. She provided information from the Oakland County Commissioners office at the April 21 Farmington City Council meeting.

The plan of action is to concentrate on the core area of concern, the quarantianed counties which are severely affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, 'Hyska said.' They want to build a suppression zone trying to contain and detect more problems up to a three-mile radius around it. In the

Extension Service. She is vol-unteering her time to try to gauge and research the num-ber of infected trees. Infestation is difficult to detect until the tree canopy dies back. "Insecticide treatments are not likely to help dying trees with extensive diebnek," said David Smitley and Deborah McCullough from Michigan State University in a March 19 report. Insecticides will prob-ably work hest as preventive treatments to healthy ash trees."
They said infested trees are dying within one to three years

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vascular system." Michigan Department of Agriculture

final zone, the fire break zone, they will try to eradicate and that will also be up to a three-mile wide ring around it.

The goal is to keep the ash borer from spreading to the entire state, which has 700 million ab trees. The decimation so far in this county area is 40 million, I lyska said.

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They will be chipped and shredded to under an inch, Hyska said. This is important to destroy the larvae.

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Observer-area locations include:
Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Plymouth Industries Yard, 13101 Eckles Road in Plymouth. The hours are 8 a. m. - 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Ecity of Westland.
Department of Public Services, 37137 Marquette. The hours are 7 a. m. 5 p. m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sturday.
Thomeowners should try and remove the trees which are beyond hope before the first couple weeks in May, Tlyska said. That's when the adult insect will emerge. A female can lay 80 eggs.
Because it is important to quarantine, detect and contain, the public should not transport ash trees to norther Michigan as firewood so it doesn't spread across the state. No treatment applications have been proven long term, thyska said. The treatments aren't guaranteed to save the trees in the long run and see

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The three suggested treatments are soil drenching in April, trunk injection in May or June, and sprays over the foliage, trunks and limbs on June 1 and July 1 to protect

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The adult beetles are expected to be active from late May to early August.
The woodpecker is a desired natural predator, Hyska said.
"If he's been around, tell him to stay," she quipped.
Tim Flint, a Michigan Emerald Ash Borre coordinator for the Michigan Department of Agriculture who's involved with the resoonse to the problem, said response to the problem, said

woodpeckers are a good indi-cator of the insect but they aren't enough.

"If the woodpecker could get the adults, we would have something," Fint said. "The woodpecker is a good indica-tor for ash. Even if they eat a lot of larvae doesn't mean you can save the tree. The larvae compromises the vascular sys-tem."

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all these trees are gone, she added.

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"There's a street in Livon where someone did plant all ashes and it is just devastating to look at, "Hyska said. "The Dutch Elm disease was devastating to people because they didn't realize until it was too late, but even that was only 50-70 percent devastation. A multi-organization task force now includes Ohio and Canada, and their report is overdue, Hyska said. "The Michigan Department of Agriculture is assembling a legislative packet for municipalities by mid-Mny." Hyska said. "The DNR is asking for federal funding up to \$50-\$60 million for 10 years for municipalities."

For more information, call

ipalities."
For more information, call the Oakland County Garden Hotline at (248)858-0902 or go to the Michigan State web-site: www.msue.edu/ reg\_se/coberts/ash/ index/html

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