

What is that Purple Thing Hanging in the Tree?

It's a sticky trap that the United States Department of Agriculture officials and cooperators are using to identify where the invasive pest, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is located. **EAB is currently not known to be in Connecticut.**

How does the trap work?

The trap uses Manuka oil as an attractant to lure the beetles to it. The surface of the trap is coated with a sticky material which causes the EAB to adhere to it.

How long will it be there?

The traps will be hung in ash trees from May through August.

Will the traps bring EAB into the area?

No, the traps will not bring EAB into an area that is not already infested.



EAB Purple Panel Trap

What is Emerald Ash Borer?

A metallic green colored, wood-boring beetle that is lethal to all North American ash trees. It spends most of its life as a larva under the bark of an ash tree.

How did it get here?

It most likely entered the U.S. through wooden shipping material from Asia. Now, it is moving swiftly across the country through firewood, ash log, and nursery stock movement.

What does it do?

EAB will kill an ash tree in three to five years.

Save the Ash- Be Part of the Solution

Nearly all EAB finds are believed to be directly related to movement of ash material from infested areas. You can help slow the spread of this devastating pest by surveying your own ash trees and not moving firewood from your home to other areas. Take the Symptom Checklist quiz on the right:



EAB Adult



EAB Larva

Symptom Checklist

After you have determined you have an ash tree, check for the following symptoms:

- ✓ Distinct D-shaped exit holes in the bark
- ✓ S-shaped tunnels on surface under the bark
- ✓ Sprout growth at the tree base
- ✓ Unusual activity by woodpeckers
- ✓ Die-back on the top third of the tree
- ✓ Vertical splits in the bark



D-shaped hole

If your tree has 2 or more symptoms, report signs to CT Agricultural Experiment Station by sending digital photos to CAES.StateEntomologist@ct.gov. Need help identifying an ash tree? Go to www.emeraldashborer.info

For Questions regarding the 2011 CT EAB trapping program, please contact Thomas Worthley, UCONN Cooperative Extension, at 860-345-5232 or visit the EAB website:

www.emeraldashborer.info