



# **INVASIVE PEST ALERT 2017**

Please be advised that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Beetle has been identified throughout York Region and surrounding areas – they are infested! It has not yet been detected on GIFN, Snake or Fox Island.

**FOR THIS REASON, ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWOOD IS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE FIRST NATION.**

The EAB is native to Asia. It attacks and kills healthy Ash Trees. They lay their eggs in the cracks of the bark; larva bore underneath and feed on the cambium - eventually girdling the Ash tree, cutting off the flow of water and nutrients.

While the EAB can fly up to several kilometres, significant factors contribute to its spread such as the movement of firewood, nursery stock, trees, logs, lumber, wood with bark attached, wood/bark chips and pallets (unless Kiln dried!).

**WOOD FROM UNREGULATED AREAS WILL PUT OUR ASH TREES AT RISK. THE EAB HAS KILLED MILLIIONS OF TREES IN ONTARIO – THOUSANDS IN YORK REGION.**

Signs of infestation include: thinning crown, diminished leaf density, epicormics shoots growing from the trunk or branches, vertical cracks/splits in the trunk, D-shaped exit holes, S-shaped tunnels/galleries under the bark filled with fine sawdust and woodpecker feeding.

**IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN THIS INVASIVE SPECIES PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRST NATION ASAP AT (705) 437-1337**

For more information please visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

**“Please note that GIFN will be sourcing fuel wood for purchase, and a list of suppliers will also be made available to those interested in purchasing fuel & campfire wood. Your cooperation in helping to mitigate the affects of this natural disaster is greatly appreciated”**

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