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EMERALD ASH BORER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive species that has destroyed millions of ash trees across the country. The beetle was discovered in Texas in 2016 and in Tarrant County in 2018. City staff have been watching this closely, as ash trees are native to Plano. The borers have not been found in Plano or Collin County.

The Culprit



The beetle reproduces by laying its eggs in ash trees and is very aggressive, causing ash trees to die within two or three years after they become infested. Plano's tree canopy consists of 6 percent ash, meaning Plano's tree canopy will be impacted by this insect.

Ash Tree Identification



So, what is the City of Plano doing as preventative measures? Our goal is to continue to grow Plano's tree canopy while reducing the negative impact of this insect. The Parks and Recreation Department is inventorying the health of ash trees on public property. Trees in poor health are in the process of being removed. EAB is only a threat to ash trees and will not affect people or other species of trees. The department has also begun meeting with other City departments to make preparations at the city-level.

If you have an ash tree on your property that is in poor condition, please consider removing it. Citizens who wish to save their ash trees should consider the systemic insecticide TREE-äge, Emamectin Benzoate: 4.0%. This will not be necessary until EAB has been located 15 miles outside of Plano's border.

Texas A&M Forest Service is monitoring the situation and provides information about EAB on their website. To report EAB sightings, contact the hotline 1-866-322-4512. For questions regarding Plano's plan for EAB, contact Angela Kralik, angela@plano.gov or visit plano.gov/trees.

SMART YARDS FOR NORTH TEXAS: TALK & TOUR

Choosing Texas-friendly plants that are well-adapted to our area and weather conditions makes a big difference in the success of your landscape. Learn about soil preparation, and see which plants work best in our clay soil and our North Texas climate. After the talk, join us for a tour of our teaching garden to see the drought-tolerant, native plants up close.

Saturday, May 18, 9 am - 11 am
 Cost: FREE
 Location: Environmental Education Center
 4116 W. Plano Parkway, 75093



Prime lawn mowing season is upon us. Grass clippings and tree branches should never go in the recycling bin. Place them with your weekly yard trimming pile collected on your trash day. You can also place large, empty, flattened cardboard boxes in that pile. This saves space in your recycling cart and the landfill. Your yard trimming pile becomes Texas Pure Products.

Now through June, Texas Pure Products Large Grind Mulch is only \$4 per cubic yard in bulk. Pick a load up today at the Custer Road Retail Store. Learn more at TexasPureProducts.com.

SENIOR WELLNESS FAIR

The City of Plano and the Sam Johnson Recreation Center will host a wellness fair on Monday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plano Event Center.

The event will feature free health screenings and information about senior living, financial planning, funeral pre-planning, insurance, personal care, fire safety and more.

For more information, call 972.941.7250 or visit samjohnsonrecreationcenter.org.



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PROPERTY WORKSHOPS

Did you know the City of Plano offers property workshops several times per year for residents? Workshops focus on property maintenance topics such as the importance of keeping a home exterior painted and in good repair, how to address minor plumbing issues, electrical safety mechanisms within the home, HVAC care and more. "The presentations are interactive, giving citizens a chance to ask questions about home repair and city ordinances regarding their property," said City of Plano Property Standards Manager Scott Lussier.

The program began in April 2017 and almost 200 city residents have attended.

For more information, please visit plano.gov/pmworkshops or call 972.208.8150.

Neighborhood concerns? Here's who to call...

- Leaning Fence**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Car on Grass**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Tall Woods and Grass**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Graffiti**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Open Storage or Trash and Debris**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Trees on Property Line**
Civil matter between neighbors
- Peeling Paint**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Public Lighting**
Oncor 888.313.4747
- Potholes**
Public Works 972.769.4140
- Recycle or Waste Cans**
Environmental Waste Services 972.769.4150
- Stray or Loose Dogs**
Animal Services 972.769.4360
- Low Branches over Sidewalks, Streets or Alleys**
Property Standards 972.208.8150
- Street Parking**
Police Department 972.424.5678

FIX IT
Call the City of Plano at 972.941.7000 or report your concern by visiting plano.gov/fixit, using the Fix It Plano app, or texting 469.773.4948.

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