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The Culprit

EMERALD ASH BORER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW SMART YARDS FOR NORTH TEXAS: TALK & TOUR

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 beetle reproduces by laying it 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



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-age. 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 siting's, 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.

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, 9am - 11am

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.

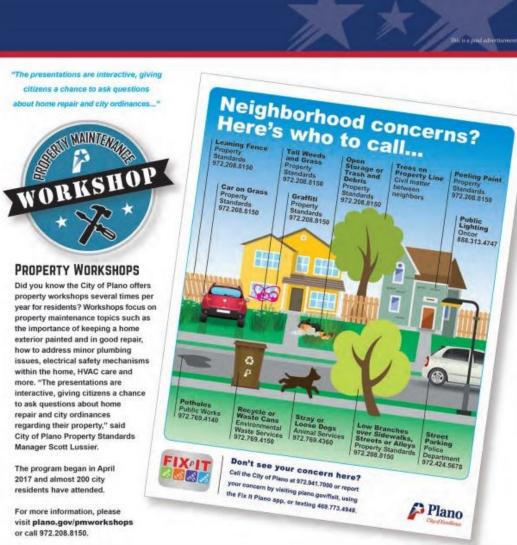
The event will feature free health screenings and information about senior living, financial planning, funeral pre-planning. insurance, personal care, fire safety and more.

call 972.941.7250 or visit

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For more information, samjohnsonrecreationcenter.org.





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