

January 12, 2015

Re: Ash Tree Removal Program

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you the City of Cottage Grove has your boulevard ash tree selected for removal this spring 2015. This removal is part of a twelve year Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. The plan calls for diversification of the urban forest through removal and replanting of boulevard Ash trees each year. The tree along your boulevard has been identified by the City Forester as meeting the criteria for immediate removal. This will help mitigate the possible spread of Emerald Ash Borer if it were to be found in Cottage Grove. If you have multiple ash trees on your property, the Forester will determine if more than one tree is removed.

The City will be contracting the removal of an estimated 200 Ash trees this year. The Forester will identify whether a replacement tree is necessary and what species of tree is best suited for your property. Residents who only have one tree on the boulevard will likely receive a new tree. Once the ash tree is removed, the boulevard will be restored and a stake will be placed identifying the location of a new tree. There will be no cost to the homeowner for any portion of this work including both removal and replanting. However, we do ask that homeowners care for the new tree and turf restoration through regular watering.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Adam Moshier, Management Assistant at 651-458-2844.

Sincerely,

Adam Moshier
Management Assistant

