



Virginia Department of Forestry Emerald Ash Borer Program Application Process and Information

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) distributes funds through a 50/50 cost-share reimbursement program for the treatment of ash trees threatened by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include individual landowners as well as organizations (i.e., municipalities, non-profits, schools, universities, and homeowner's associations). Only trunk injection treatment of an emamectin benzoate product will qualify for cost-share.

Applications (Form 6.5) will qualify based on the following criteria:

1. Ash trees are at least 12 inches in diameter (DBH) and do not display canopy loss greater than 30 percent. Larger ash trees and trees exhibiting minimal canopy loss will be more heavily prioritized.
2. Application includes a detailed and sustainable Ash Preservation Strategy (section 2).
3. Applicant demonstrates a need for protecting the genetic, ecological, historical, or public value of ash trees.

Application Process

Applicant must complete sections 1 through 3 of Form 6.5 Emerald Ash Borer Program Cost-Share Application and obtain a quote for treatment costs from a VDACS state-certified pesticide applicator to be submitted with the application.

Prior to treatment, a VDOF forester must inspect and approve the tree(s) of interest in section 4, and then submit with supporting documentation. Original applications with sections 1-4 completed should be submitted to the VDOF EAB program coordinator **by the involved VDOF Forester** with all appropriate signatures and a quote of treatment costs. Any incomplete applications received after the deadline will be rejected.

If the project is approved, the applicant will receive an approval letter by the notification date and treatment can then begin. If the project is rejected, the applicant will receive a letter notification with reasons for the rejection.

Enrollment period opens	April 1, 2020	Application deadline	June 22, 2020
Notification date (within 10-12 days following each submission)			No later than July 8th

Treatment Recommendations

VDOF recommends treating ash trees with trunk injections of emamectin benzoate, the most effective treatment currently known. Treatments must be performed within the following time frame to receive allotted reimbursement payment described in the approval letter: **May 15th – July 31st**

Cost-Share Agreement

1. Funding must be used to conduct treatment(s) performed by a VDACS state-certified pesticide applicator.
2. Approved individuals and organizations will pay for treatment and then submit final documentation package for reimbursement as described in the approval letter.
3. Cost-share recipients will be required to document expenditures and submit invoices and receipts for treatment costs with final documentation package.
4. VDOF will reimburse 50 percent of direct treatment costs upon receiving verification of payment and a Virginia State Form W-9, not to exceed:
 - a. the approved amount detailed in the approval letter
 - b. \$7.50 per diameter inch, matched by landowner or organization for a total rate of \$15 per inch
 - c. \$1,250 per landowner or \$5,000 per organization, matched for a total project cost of \$2,500 per landowner or \$10,000 per organization.

Contact

Meredith Bean, EAB program coordinator, at meredith.bean@dof.virginia.gov or 434-220-9034 for further information.

Resources

Find an application form: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/f06.05.dotx>

Find your local forester: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/locations/index.htm>

Informational publication: http://www.dof.virginia.gov/infopubs/forestry-topics/FT0032_Emerald-Ash-Borer-Cost-Share-Program_2020-02_pub.pdf

Find an arborist: <http://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/findanarborist>

Insecticide Fact Sheet: http://www.emeraldashborer.info/documents/Multistate_EAB_Insecticide_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Verify your tree an ash tree: <https://ento.psu.edu/extension/trees-shrubs/emerald-ash-borer/factsheets/EAB2942.pdf>