

Learn of emerald ash borer

Millions of ash trees across Ontario have already been lost to the destructive pest, emerald ash borer (EAB).

EAB was discovered and confirmed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Caledon in the south hill of Bolton area in the summer of 2012. The Town-owned urban street tree inventory totals approximately 6,500 trees. Of those, approximately 1,100 are Ash trees. Many more ash trees are on private property and in woodlands across Caledon. Untreated, infested trees will generally die in two to three years.

Many people don't know if they have any ash trees in their neighbourhood or yard.

Please join the Bolton and District Horticultural Society at its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre to get more information about this devastating pest. Guest fees are waived for this meeting. Guests please RSVP to bolton@gardenontario.org

The speakers are from LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the urban forest. They will provide information about identifying ash trees and understanding what options are available. The goal of the meeting is to empower residents to take action in their own communities through treatment of existing healthy ash trees and planting of new trees.

The Town of Caledon removed and replaced approximately 50 EAB infested Town-owned street trees in the south hill of Bolton area in 2012 and has treated approximately 220 large, mature Town-owned ash trees in the north hill. More details about the Town's EAB action plan will be shared at the meeting.

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