

## A checklist for municipal managers planning for the arrival of emerald ash borer:

- Find out the location of the nearest known emerald ash borer infestation
- Know how many ash trees the municipality is responsible for: conduct tree inventory if no current inventory, update outdated inventories
  - Where are the trees
  - What condition are they in
  - How big are the trees
- Assemble key players for the development of a management plan including:
  - People who have the authority to make decisions about municipal trees
  - People who will carry out the plan
- Amend tree bylaws or exemptions if necessary
- Decide on detection surveys and monitoring
  - Will there be a survey for emerald ash borer
  - What survey method will be used
  - Where and how will the survey be conducted
- Decide on overall management approach
  - Will some trees be treated
  - Will removed trees be replaced, when
- Review resources (staffing, equipment, monetary)
  - What resources are required
  - What resources are available
  - Where/how will additional resources be obtained if required resources exceed available
- Develop tree protection, removal and planting plan
- Establish communications plan
- Develop plan for ash wood transportation and for disposal or utilization
- Cultivate collaborations – partner with neighboring communities to share information and resources
- Develop public awareness and outreach program