

# ALERT: Dead Ash Trees Are NOT Safe!

## I. Emerald Ash Borers Are Fast Killers

Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borers die within 1-3 years. If more than ½ of the tree's crown is dead, the Ash cannot be saved.

Unfortunately, a dead Ash tree quickly becomes a safety hazard. Tree removal will be necessary, especially if the dead Ash is located near your home, driveway or play area.

*Pictured: Healthy Ash trees protected with Tree-age® Trunk Injections growing right next to untreated Ash trees killed by Emerald Ash Borer. (Photo Credit: Daniel Herms, The Ohio State University)*



## II. Why Are Dead Ash Trees Unsafe?

Two realities make Ash Trees killed by Emerald Ash Borers a safety hazard:

1. **Moisture Loss:** Emerald Ash Borers cut off the flow of water and nutrients through the tree. Additionally, the fatal pest creates thousands of exit wounds. Both conspire to dry out the tree and make it dry and brittle.
2. **Weak Structure:** The same straight, tight grain that makes Ash great for baseball bats and splitting firewood is also why its limbs and leaders easily split apart.

The result is a dry, brittle tree that is at high risk for breaking apart.

## III. Removal Must Be Done ASAP

A dead Ash tree is not a simple tree removal. The brittle tree is so dry that it can break apart in unexpected ways and cause significant damage. The first step is to have the tree evaluated.

Your Giroud ISA Certified Arborist will evaluate the tree's condition. He will determine if a tree climber can safely work in the tree or if a crane and/or bucket Truck is required. The longer the dead tree is left in the ground, the drier and more dangerous it becomes; making tree removal even more complicated and expensive.

*Pictured: Emerald Ash Borer killed this untreated Ash Tree in Blue Bell, PA*



## IV. Take Action

Don't wait. Take the following steps now:

1. **Inspection:** Have Your Giroud Arborist evaluate the tree and recommend the best action.
2. **Tree Removal:** If the Ash tree is dead or has become unsafe, prompt removal is required.
3. **Treatment:** If the Ash tree is still healthy enough to absorb treatment, a systemic trunk injection every two years protects Ash from Emerald Ash Borers.
4. **Regular Pruning:** In combination with treatment, remove deadwood and prune to promote healthy growth.

## Remove Dead Ash Trees Now—Get a *Free* Evaluation!

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