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Diseased Ash Trees Removed From Owen Park

The City of Eau Claire Parks crews have begun removing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infected ash trees in Owen Park. These dead and damaged trees pose a danger due to the threat of falling branches and will be removed for safety and tree management purposes. The Parks & Forestry Division has been proactively removing ash trees throughout the city's parks and greenspaces since 2013. This is part of the EAP Tree Management program to promote a healthy and diverse urban forest by replacing the ash trees with a various other species of trees.

EAB infested trees are becoming more prevalent throughout the city and the Midwest and without proper management will only increase the rate of spread. The City's Parks and Forestry Department is proactively managing our ash tree population to slow down the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.



This Ash tree in Owen Park was killed by the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle

Questions about the project can be directed to Steve Plaza, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Building & Grounds Maintenance Manager at 715-839-4649.

Learn more about the Forestry Division, Emerald Ash Borer, and the Eau Claire Urban Forestry Program on our website: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/recreation/parks-forestry-cemetery-division/forestry>

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