

MORRISTOWN

Shade Tree Commission News

Emerald Ash Borer

Native to China and about the size of a grain of rice (at right), the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is killing Ash trees across North America. It was first discovered in NJ in 2014 and now is in several nearby counties. We urge you to be aware of this threat and take action: (1) Identify your ash trees. Ash trees have a compound leaf with 5-11 leaflets and mature trees have a unique diamond shaped ridge bark; (2) Monitor your ash trees for EAB. Look for dying branches at the top, woodpecker damage, galleries under the bark, small "D" shaped exit holes, the green adult beetle, and sprouting; (3) Spread the message: "Don't Move Firewood" to avoid unintentionally spreading the EAB; and (4) Report EAB sighting to us at: shadetree@townofmorristown.org

Mulch Volcanoes

Mulch piled up into a cone around a tree trunk is called a mulch volcano (at right) and can kill trees! Proper mulching starts 2" to 4" from the trunk and should be in a donut shape around the trunk. Mulch should not touch the bark. It's easy if you follow this advice - volcanoes are bad and donuts are good!



Important Information

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission wants you to be aware of two important issues facing our trees: the Emerald Ash Borer and mulch volcanoes. Please take a few minutes to review the information in the shaded area to the left. Our trees - both public and private - are a valuable resource that contributes to the environmental, economic and emotional well-being of our community. Help us protect them!

Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission was established to ensure the management of the Morristown community forest. If you'd like more information on these or any other public tree issues, feel free to contact us at shadetree@townofmorristown.org.

