

Below are some updates about emerald ash borer, an invasive forest pest that is now widespread in Vermont. For basic information about the pest please visit [VTinvasives.org/EAB](http://VTinvasives.org/EAB).

### **Updated Slow the Spread Recommendations for Moving Ash Materials**

Based on the extent of Vermont's current [EAB Infested Area](#) – covering nearly 2/3 of the state - the [recommendations for moving ash material](#) have been updated to allow for greater movement of low-risk ash material in Vermont while providing greater protection of uninfested trees and forests. The previous recommendations were location-based and applied to moving ash material from the [EAB Infested Area](#). The [updated recommendations](#) are condition-based and apply to moving ash wood visibly infested with EAB.

While the [EAB Infested Area Map shows](#) that EAB is widespread, **visibly infested trees are still rare** in Vermont. You can help by following the updated [Slow the Spread Recommendations](#) for moving all ash material in Vermont: **there is still a lot of EAB spread to slow.**

### **We Are Now in the EAB Flight Season**

The **EAB flight season** started on June 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through September 30<sup>th</sup>. During this time of year, EAB will be emerging from infested ash trees, logs, and firewood and seeking new host trees and mates. Moving ash materials during the flight season could spread EAB to currently un-infested areas. Therefore, there are more stringent recommendations for moving visibly infested ash materials in the updated [Slow the Spread Recommendations](#) to protect these areas, including delaying harvesting and not moving untreated ash until after flight season (October 1<sup>st</sup>). Slowing the spread of EAB will allow us more time to prepare and respond, but we will all need to work together.

### **Report It!**

If you think you have found EAB or an infested ash tree, [report it!](#) Having more information about where EAB is around the state will help all of us in managing the pest.

### **Losing our Ash: podcast episode**

Check out the latest episode of Vermont's [Heartwood podcast](#): Losing Our Ash (Episode 6). Hosts Kate Forrer (VT Urban & Community Forestry Program) and Lisa Sausville (Vermont Coverts) are joined by Forest Pest Education Coordinator Ginger Nickerson to dive into the cultural and ecological impacts of losing black ash to emerald ash borer.

The episode features an Abenaki basketmaker, a research forester, a county forester, an ecologist, and a landowner sharing what's at stake, and what Vermonters can do to help keep ash, specifically black ash, as part of our region's culture and our ecology. Go to [www.ourvermontwoods.org/heartwood](http://www.ourvermontwoods.org/heartwood) website to see all of the episodes and show notes, or [click here](#) to listen to Losing Our Ash now.



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