

Why is there orange paint on the parkway tree?

You may have noticed orange colored “X’s” or dots appearing on several parkway trees within the Village over the past few weeks. Many of these parkway trees are ash trees which have been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This pest is highly destructive to ash trees and once infested there is little that can be done to save the tree, therefore, the tree must be removed.

The Village will remove the trees this winter and early spring. It is our hope to replace as many of the trees as practicable within our budget and given site conditions. The replacements should start in late April and be concluded by early June. The species of the replacement tree will vary depending upon many factors including: the size of the parkway, the size and placement of adjacent trees, the species mix of nearby trees, and the growing conditions at the site. The size of the tree is typically 2 inches to 3 inches in diameter but the height will also vary with the characteristics of that species.

More information about the Emerald Ash Borer can be found on our webpage.

<http://vernonhills.org/publicworks/EmeraldAshBorer.asp>

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