



## KNOW YOUR ASH

Find out more about the plan below. In the meantime, the first step is to learn how to identify an ash tree and to understand more about the Emerald Ash Borer.

The bark of an ash tree is grey. It is relatively smooth on young trees, with ridges furrowed into a diamond pattern on older trees. The leaves of an ash tree are compound. They are 13 to 30cm in length, with five to 11 leaflets. Ash twigs emerge from the branch opposite to one another. Seed pods hang in clusters and are dry and oar shaped.

The Emerald Ash Borer was first detected in North America in 2002. Native to Asia, this metallic green beetle has proven to be highly destructive in its new range. Since its arrival, it has killed tens of millions of ash trees and continues to spread into new areas, with considerable economic and ecological impacts. The City's plan to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer includes four key elements - Detect, Treat, Remove, and Replant. Private property owners can follow the same strategy.

