

On September 16, 2019 the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed emerald ash borer (EAB) in Brown County in southern Minnesota. A tree care service contacted the MDA about the discovery of EAB larva in ash trees within the City of New Ulm.

Because this is the first time EAB has been identified in Brown County, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be enacting the emergency quarantine to limit the movement of firewood and ash material out of the county. This will reduce the risk of further spreading the tree-killing insect. A total of 21 Minnesota counties, including Brown County, are now under quarantine to prevent the spread of this highly destructive tree pest.

Residents of Brown County are invited to an open house hosted by the MDA on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, regarding the discovery of emerald ash borer in the county. Those attending the open house will have an opportunity to learn more about EAB and local options to deal with the insect and hear how residents can limit the spread of the bug. MDA experts will be available to answer questions.

The October 8th meeting will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Brown County Law Enforcement Center 15 S. Washington Street, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Comments can be made at the open house or by contacting:

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