

Trees make good neighbors!



Help Us Make a Lasting Impact!

Come to Spring RNeighborWoods events.

🌿 Citizen Forester Training
Saturday, April 10, 8 am- 2 pm,
at Quarry Hill Nature Center. Cost \$15
Join us for an intense morning of tree education,
climbing, and planting. This class will give
you an increased awareness and knowledge of
Rochester's urban forest. Register at 507.328.2515
or by email jryg@rochestermn.gov.

**🌿 Manor Park & Diamond Ridge
Neighborhood Community
RNeighborWoods Tree Planting**
Saturday, April 24, 9 am
No pre-registration needed, all ages welcome, just
bring a shovel if you have one. Look for the
RNeighborWoods table at Manor Park, 4238 Manor
Park Drive NW. Parking is available. We'll introduce
Citizen Foresters, go over logistics of the planting,
divide into groups, and then spread out to plant
500 trees within the neighborhoods.
Trees were purchased through a grant from the MN
Department of Agriculture grant to assist our
community in preparing and planning for the
invasion of the invasive pest - Emerald Ash Borer
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Answer: There are chemicals that work, but this is not an economical option due to the fact that you have to keep applying the chemical yearly or every other year as long as EAB is in the area. We are only going to treat a few specific ash in Rochester once EAB is found within 20 miles and not before. This practice follows the MN Department of Agriculture suggestions.

How many Ash trees are in Rochester?

Answer: About 22% of our urban forest. Almost 7,000 boulevard trees, roughly 20,000 in city parks, and an unknown number which belong to homeowners (the DNR estimate is 50,000) Urban forestry experts recommend no species should occupy more than 10% of the total tree species.

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Do you think EAB is here yet?

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