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Village to begin Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Plan

This week, the Village began notifying residents of its upcoming Emerald Ash Borer treatment and prevention program. EAB was confirmed in the Village in 2011 by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The tree survey and notification process will continue through March of this year.

Part of the Village's management plan is to treat Ash trees during April and May of 2012 using soil drenching with a commonly used pesticide, Imidacloprid, which goes by the brand name "Merit" produced by Bayer Advance. This is a widely used multipurpose insecticide that can be purchased at local hardware stores and has been shown in some cases to help prevent the spread of EAB. Even with the treatment, however, it may still be necessary to remove dead, dying or dangerous Ash trees throughout the parkways.

Residents with an Ash tree in their parkway will receive individual notices, and each parkway Ash tree will be tagged. Treatment of the Ash trees will be completed by trained Public Works staff and is scheduled for April/May. The Village currently has about 800 Ash parkway trees.

The Public Works Department continues to monitor progress in EAB treatment and prevention methods. Scientists from universities, government agencies and private companies continue to conduct intensive research to understand how and when insecticide treatments will be most effective.

More information about EAB and Imidacloprid is available on the Village's website, www.clarendonhills.us.