

Emerald Ash Borer Boulevard Tree Replacement Reimbursement Policy

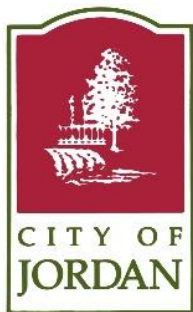
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The city has determined that the health trees of the genus *Fraxinus* (commonly known as Ash) are threatened by fatal infections known as emerald ash borer. It has further determined that the loss of trees located on public boulevards would substantially depreciate the value of property and impair the safety, general welfare, and convenience of the public. It is declared to be the intention of the Council to control and prevent the spread of these infections and provide for the removal of dead, infected, or diseased trees on property that is a residential use.

The City offers up to 50% or \$500.00, whichever is less, of the cost of the removal and replacement of the tree. Proof of costs must be submitted to the City upon the completion of work must be detailed in such a way to identify costs for individual trees. If a property owner removes an infected tree themselves, proof of proper disposal that meets the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture must be submitted. The City has full discretion to accept or deny proof of costs. Reimbursements will be prioritized for applicant's that have not received a reimbursement in the past, but otherwise are on a first come, first served basis and are limited to the annual amount the City Council sets aside for the program.

Reimbursement is limited for a single property to two trees per year. When an applicant applies for the reimbursement for the first time, the total number of boulevard ash trees must be provided, as well as the total number of infected trees. An applicant can reapply for further reimbursement in future years, updating the number of total infected trees and removed trees each year, up to a maximum number of times equal to the number of infected ash trees. Properties that have more than two trees that qualify for removal may remove all infected trees at one time and receive reimbursement for two trees per year up to the point that landowner has received reimbursement for the total number of qualifying removals and replacements. If funds remain in the annual amount after October 1st, previous applicants can reapply. The City will not automatically process reimbursements and the applicant must reapply every year in order to receive the reimbursement.

In order to qualify for this reimbursement, the tree planted must be from the Approved Tree Species for Front Yard Trees list and must meet the standards of § 154.324 Landscape Requirements Residential. Additionally, proof of costs must be submitted to the City upon the completion of work for the reimbursement to be granted. City staff will confirm replacement trees have been planted before a reimbursement can be issued.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of boulevard ash trees on property: _____
Current number infected: _____
Number of removed infected trees: _____

Species of tree to be planted: _____

Total valuation of work: _____

I, as the property owner, certify that:

- I have read the Emerald Ash Borer Boulevard Tree Replacement Reimbursement Policy and understand that to receive reimbursement for costs associated with replacing a dead, diseased, or dying tree, must submit proof of cost to the City and hereby request a 50% reimbursement of said cost.
- I am eligible for up to two qualifying tree removal and replacements per year.
- If I remove more than two qualified trees, I understand I must submit an application every year to receive the reimbursement.
- I understand the City has full discretion to accept or deny proof of costs.
- I understand reimbursements are on a first come, first served basis and are limited to the annual amount the City Council sets aside for the program.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DATE SUBMITTED: _____

INITIAL SUBMITTAL: _____

NUMBER OF REPORTED TREES CONFIRMED BY CITY STAFF: TOTAL: _____ INFECTED: _____
DATE _____ STAFF INITIALS _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ BY _____

DATE OF ACTION: _____

DATE APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFIED OF CITY STAFF ACTION: _____

DATE REIMBURSEMENT SENT TO PROPERTY OWNER: _____