

## What the experts say

“This is a natural disaster in slow motion.”

*--Scott Schirmer  
Illinois Department of Agriculture*

“Communities will find if they don’t decide to treat some trees they will be overwhelmed. It will cost a huge amount of money to take down the trees, and it will be a logistical nightmare to find enough crews to come in and help.”

*--Fredric Miller, PhD  
Morton Arboretum, Joliet Community College*

“If the trees go as fast as they did in the last town I was in, we won’t be able to catch up.”

*--Brian Murphy, Village Administrator  
Village of Plainfield*

“It is now the most destructive forest insect ever to invade North America.”

*Deb McCullough, PhD  
Department of Entomology  
Michigan State University.*

“Chicago can expect to treat or replace most of its 93,000 ash trees through 2020, spending as much as \$46 million.”

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2073835,00.html#ixzz2586ialf6>

*--Time magazine*

“Regarding the efficacy of insecticide treatments for EAB: they do work!”

*--Dan Herms, PhD  
Ohio State University*

“Tools have emerged allowing municipalities to plan for and mitigate this disaster. Used appropriately, these tools not only help maintain order in the budget, but they conserve fiscal and green infrastructure resources while minimizing risk to public safety.”

*--J. Bradford Bonham, DVM*

Sources: Daily Herald, 8-20-12; Plainfield Patch, 9-13-11; *Time*, 5-25-11; Dan Herms, American Public Gardens Association Conference, 6-20-12; private letter from J. Bradford Bonham