

# Timely Turf Tips

## June 2010

Are you tired, sore, bug bitten, malodorous and broke but couldn't be happier? I think I saw you at the local nursery picking up yet another flat of annuals! For all your other garden and yard projects, we've got you covered: potting soil, fertilizer, organic and inorganic pesticides and insecticides, tomato cages, pots, tomatoes, peppers, irrigation, bird feeders, seeds, garden tools and a lot of experience! Come in and visit!

### **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**



Most scourges of our native trees were inadvertently introduced to North America. Think of chestnut blight; it wiped out the American chestnut throughout its entire range in about 25 years. And Dutch elm disease virtually eliminated the American elm and changed the look of American cities in a similar period of time. Both diseases are caused by fungi that were unintentionally imported on wood intended for furniture manufacture.

The newest imported scourge is Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); an insect that attacks and kills ash trees. This exotic borer is a native of Asia. It was first discovered in North America in southeast Michigan in June, 2002 and showed up in Saint Paul, Minnesota just last May. There are about 870 million ash trees in Minnesota, one of the largest concentrations of ash of any state in the country.

It is not a question IF your ash trees will become infested; it's a question of WHEN. Hugo is not currently in the quarantine boundary: <http://tinyurl.com/2ucsveh>

There are insecticides that are available to protect ash from EAB. Hugo Feed Mill and Hardware staff is now trained and licensed to treat EAB. We are starting to pre-treat those ash trees that are regarded as a valuable asset of the residential and commercial landscape. If you think you have found emerald ash borer, go through the steps to be sure: <http://tinyurl.com/p47wgs> If you have questions, call Steve at 651-429-3361

For additional information: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/M1242.html>

### **Yard and Garden Tips for June:**

- Spray Weed Free Zone or Speedzone on creeping charlie, clover, dandelions and thistle now!
- Plant heat-loving tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and melons.
- Mulch gardens late this month after soil has warmed to reduce weeds and retain moisture.

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