



Virginia Department of Forestry
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program
 Description of Application Process and Additional Information

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) will distribute funds in a **50/50** cost-share program for the treatment of ash trees threatened by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

1. Eligibility

Eligible applicants include individual landowners as well as organizations such as municipalities, non-profits, schools, universities, and homeowner’s associations. Only trunk injection treatment of an emamectin benzoate product will qualify for cost-share. A quote/bid must be obtained from a certified Pesticide Applicator to be submitted with the Cost-Share Application. Prior to treatment, a VDOF Forester must inspect and approve the tree(s) of interest, then submit to VDOF HQ. If the project is approved, the applicant will receive an approval letter and treatment can then begin.

2. Criteria

Applications (Form 6.5) will be **prioritized** using the following criteria:

- a. Ash trees are at least 12 inches in diameter (DBH) and do not display canopy loss greater than 30%. Larger ash trees and trees exhibiting minimal canopy loss will be more heavily prioritized.
- b. Applicant demonstrates a need for protecting the genetic, ecological, historical, or public value of ash trees.
- c. Application (Form 6.5) includes a detailed and sustainable Ash Preservation Strategy.
- d. Proposed projects located in a county of Virginia that has not yet confirmed EAB presence or was confirmed post-2015 (as displayed by VDOF’s EAB distribution map) will be prioritized.

3. Treatment Recommendations

VDOF recommends treating ash trees with trunk injections of emamectin benzoate, the most effective treatment currently known. Treatment time frame is recommended (and must be followed for reimbursement payment, upon approval) as follows:

- a. Trunk injections – May 15th – July 31st

4. Cost-Share Agreement

- 1) Funding must be used to conduct treatment(s) performed by a certified Pesticide Applicator.
- 2) Participating individuals and organizations will pay for treatment and then submit final application package for reimbursement.
- 3) VDOF will reimburse 50% of treatment costs upon receiving verification of payment and a State Form W-9, not to exceed:
 - a) the approved amount detailed in the approval letter.
 - b) \$7.50 per diameter inch; matched by landowner or organization for a total rate of \$15 per inch.
 - c) \$1,250 per landowner or \$5,000 per organization; matched for a total project cost of \$2,500 (landowner) or \$10,000 (organization).
- 4) Cost-share recipients will be required to document expenditures and submit invoices and receipts for treatment costs with final application package.

5. Submission

Original applications (Form 6.5) should be submitted to the VDOF Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator **by the involved Forester** with all appropriate signatures and a quote/bid of treatment costs.

6. Application Deadline

Enrollment period opens	April 1, 2019
Application deadline	June 28, 2019
Notification date	Rolling, no later than July 8th

7. Staff Contact

Please contact Meredith Bean (EAB Coordinator) at meredith.bean@dof.virginia.gov or 434-220-9034 for further information.

Links:

- Form 6.5: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm>
- Your local Forester: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/locations/index.htm>
- <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification.shtm>
- <http://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/findanarborist>