



WAA Legislative Update

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Chapter NR 40-Invasive Species

To prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species in the state. The Department will be going to the Natural Resources Board on March 25th if the proposed rule is adopted, it will then go to the legislature for their adoption. The legislature has an option of holding hearings as well. After March, it will be at least 6 months before the rule may be approved and hit the streets. (Updated 1/23/09)

ANSI A300 Updates

No changes to ANSI A300 (Part 2) – 2004 Fertilization, are proposed in this revision by the ASC A300. A public review period ended Feb. 2, 2009, for BSR A300.

Emerald Ash Borer

For the latest Wisconsin EAB situation report visit the WAA website legislative issues page and click on the link http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/first_find.jsp.

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<http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/pdf/EasyGuideEABRegulations.pdf>

<http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/pdf/WIEABQuarantine.pdf>

NR 47.950

Urban forestry catastrophic storm grant passed by the Natural Resources Board at their October meeting. The relevant committees of the legislature will receive the rules within 10 days after the opening of the January session. They have up to 60 days to review the rules. Assuming no objections, the rules will likely take effect April 1, 2009. If you'd like more info on the grant program, contact UF grants manager Candice Sovinski at 608-267-3775.

Senate Bill 5

An Act to create 94.643 of the statutes; relating to: restrictions on the use and sale of fertilizer containing phosphorus and other turf fertilizer and providing a penalty. Introduced 1/14/09 and referred to committee on Environment (related Assembly Bill 3 referred to committee on natural resources).

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