



Urban Forestry Workshops

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Every year since 1994, the DNR Urban Forestry program has offered a series of workshops throughout the state on topics such as tree planting, pruning, identification, risk assessment and pest diagnosis. Though we do plan to offer a set of workshops again, they will be scheduled to occur in spring 2010. The workshops will further depart from our typical format in that there will be only 5 sites statewide rather than the usual 12-15, and they will be part of a suite of harvesting/utilization workshops for various audiences. Budget reductions, workload constraints and urgent needs related to emerald ash borer necessitate a different approach. The workshops for municipalities tentatively include:

- reviewing urban ash management guidelines (a soon-to-be-published document to assist municipalities with ash tree decisions)
- summary of EAB quarantine regulations and the compliance agreement process
- how-to's of traditional timber harvesting; timber sale contract basics; how

to determine whether or not you have enough wood for a timber sale; where do you start; the timber sale process; how to have a successful timber sale; timber sale contract; hiring a consulting forester; etc.

- marketing options for ash: current, small niche and new emerging
- tips from harvest to product—how to cut, handle, and utilize logs in various ways
- skidding or moving logs from stump to centralized location; special handling or processing required for specific products, for safety or compliance; proper stacking/piling, etc.
- processing options: how do you get the material into compliance?

To stay informed about dates and sites for these workshops, you can periodically check the Urban Forestry Coming Events section on the on the DNR website, <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/uf/news/> and/or subscribe to our biweekly electronic bulletin, the Urban Forestry Insider, <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/newsletters/>.