



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. Eligible projects include the chemical treatment of ash trees, via injection system or soil drench application methods. Prior to treatment, a VDOF Forester must inspect the tree(s) of interest, and a quote/bid must be obtained from a certified Pesticide Applicator. Approved chemicals for treatment are: emamectin benzoate (injection), imidacloprid (soil drench, >50% active ingredient), or dinotefuran (soil drench, >50% active ingredient) and must be applied by a certified Pesticide Applicator.

2. Criteria

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

- a. Applicant demonstrates a need for protecting the genetic, ecological, historical, or public value of ash trees.
- b. 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.
- c. Location of proposed project is in a county of Virginia that has not yet confirmed EAB presence or was confirmed in or later than 2015, as displayed by VDOF’s EAB distribution map.
- d. Application (Form 6.5) includes a detailed and sustainable Ash Preservation Strategy.

3. Treatment recommendations

VDOF recommends treating ash trees with trunk injections of emamectin benzoate, the most effective treatment currently known. Soil drenches will be considered if applied in “unconfirmed” counties as a preventive measure to protect healthy ash trees that are not yet exhibiting symptoms. Treatment time frame is dependent on treatment type, and is recommended as follows:

- a. Trunk injections – June 1st – August 10th
- b. Imidacloprid soil drench – March 1st through April 30th OR October 1st through October 30th
- c. Dinotefuran soil drench – April 1st through June 15th

4. Cost-Share Agreement

- a. Funding must be used to conduct treatment(s) performed by a certified Pesticide Applicator.
- b. Participating individuals and organizations will contribute 50% of treatment-related costs.
- c. VDOF will reimburse 50% of treatment costs upon receiving receipts or verification of payment, not to exceed the approved amount in the original application.
- d. 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, a completed W-9 form, and a quote/bid of treatment costs.

6. Application Deadline

	Batch 1	Batch 2	Batch 3
Application opens	January 24, 2018	March 1, 2018	May 1, 2018
Application deadline	February 15, 2018	April 16, 2018	June 15, 2018
Notification date	March 1, 2018	April 27, 2018	July 2, 2018

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.shtml>
<http://pesticidesearch.va-vdacs.com/default.aspx>