

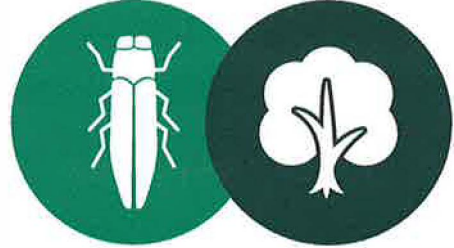
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## Subject: Emerald Ash Borer Program

(Note: If no overhead power lines adjoin your property, please disregard this notice.)

Ash trees in your area may be dying due to an infestation of a wood-boring beetle called the emerald ash borer. Since it was discovered in the United States in 2002, the emerald ash borer has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees. Larvae feed beneath the bark of the ash trees, preventing the tree's ability to move water and nutrients. Small ash trees typically die one to two years after infestation, while larger, infested trees may survive for three to four years.

Duke Energy is working hard to build a stronger electric infrastructure for our customers that is more resistant to power outages, restores power faster and is better protected against vegetation threats. To help improve the reliability of our service to you, Duke Energy is implementing a program to reduce the risk of trees falling onto power lines, which can cause outages and hinder safe operations.

### What does this mean to you?

Our Emerald Ash Borer Program is in addition to our routine vegetation management process, which involves cutting, removing and/or preventing vegetative growth from interfering with electric lines. In the next few weeks, a Duke Energy representative will be in your neighborhood to talk with affected landowners and/or residents who have an ash tree(s) on their property that is within striking distance of the power system. Our employees and contractors will carry identification and will attempt an in-person visit to schedule a time to cut the ash and/or hazard tree(s) that could disrupt the power system.

Thank you for working with Duke Energy to help provide a safe and reliable electric system for all. To learn more about the emerald ash borer, please visit [emeraldashborer.info](http://emeraldashborer.info). For more information about Duke Energy's Emerald Ash Borer Program, please visit [duke-energy.com/EAB](http://duke-energy.com/EAB).

Sincerely,

Duke Energy Transmission Vegetation Management Team

Visit the Arbor Day Foundation at [arborday.org/treelineusa](http://arborday.org/treelineusa) for information about planning and planting vegetation around electrical facilities.

