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Nicollet County Extension Services

Emerald Ash Borer in Nicollet County

Emma Severns-Ag Extension Educator

With the confirmation of the emerald ash borer (EAB) near New Ulm, Nicollet County is now surrounded by this damaging pest. Now is the time to decide what to do with your ash trees. Emerald ash borer is a very destructive insect pest of ash trees, killing the trees once they are exposed if not protected. EAB larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. EAB will move only about one half to one mile a year from infested sites, but people can carry it hundreds of miles when transporting wood products or nursery stock.

You as landowners can help prevent the spread of this devastating pest. Be aware of what emerald ash borer looks like as well as the symptoms of an EAB-infested tree. Report any suspected insects or declining ash trees by contacting the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Scout your property for ash trees. The location of the ash tree is important because if the tree is in an area of risk to people or property, if it should fall, the ash tree should be treated or removed. If you need to remove your ash tree, consider hiring a certified tree care professional. If you decide to save some of your ash trees, there are effective products available to prevent (but not reverse) damage. Depending on the tree's diameter, you can treat the tree yourself. Trees greater than 15-inch diameter will require certified arborists. Some things to consider before treating an ash tree is the location of the tree, health of the tree, and the tree's importance to you. Be sure to read and follow the label if you apply any treatment yourself.

As always, you are welcome to contact me at the Nicollet County Extension office for any questions or resources at 507-934-7828 or email sever575@umn.edu.



Online version available @ www.nicolletswcd.org
Email info@nicolletswcd.org for updates

Welcome Joel to the NRCS Team!

Hello everybody! My name is Joel Alicea-Hernandez and I'm the new District Conservationist from NRCS at the Gaylord Field Office. I received a bachelor's degree in Agronomy and Soils with a minor in Ag. Education from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus. During my college years, I got the opportunity to work in the summer with NRCS through the STEP Program in Wahpeton, North Dakota. After that, I returned home and worked for the private sector for a few years.

In November 2016, I returned and joined the NRCS Minnesota Team and since then I've served as a Soil Conservationist at Waseca, Steele, and Freeborn counties. It's a job that I have really enjoyed because it has given me the opportunity to get involved directly with farmers and producers.

All things considered, my position as a Conservationist has been a great experience that has allowed me to develop new skills, keep growing as a professional and serve others. My phone number is 507-237-5435, Ext 3. Please do not hesitate to contact me to inquire about our program information.

The Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Natural Resource Conservation Service

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Joel Alicea-Hernandez
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Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Agenda posted on the website one week prior.

2022 HWY 14 CLASIC

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Hwy 14 CLASIC – Crop, Livestock, and Soil Innovation Conferences. Nicollet and Brown SWCDs are co-hosting the Thursday, March 3rd stop at the New UIm Country Club. The theme of this year’s conference is Benefits & Challenges of Soil Health Practice and the Basics of Carbon. Keynote talks by Dorian Gatchell and Don Reicosky will focus on the implementation of soil health practices and how soil health can reduce the loss of carbon through tillage. The day will wrap up with a Farmer Panel featuring local producers sharing their experiences in implementing soil health management on their operations. Additional stops will be hosted in Lake Benton, Lamberton and Waseca. More information will be available soon on our website. Contact Eric Miller with questions. Eric.miller@nicolletswcd.org.

**United States Department of Agriculture
Conservation Financial Assistance Programs:**

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

Ongoing-visit with FSA or NRCS

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

Continuous Sign-up Now Accepting Applications for FY 2022 Funds

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

Continuous Sign-up-currently accepting for FY 2022 Funds

WRE (Wetland Reserve Easements) Continuous Sign-up

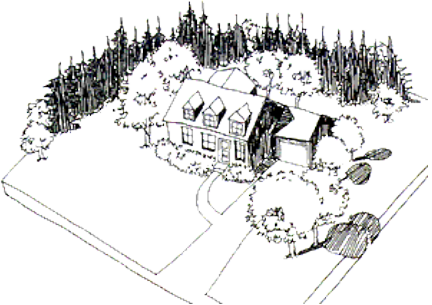
For more information, contact the Sibley/Nicollet NRCS Office in Gaylord: **(507) 237-5435**

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Windbreak Assistance & Resources

Looking to replace an aging windbreak, or install a new windbreak? Stop in to check out the services Nicollet SWCD can offer. From tree selection, spacing and planting tips, Nicollet SWCD will assist from initial planning, to planting of your new trees. Visit our website for more information about recommended trees to plant, the benefits of windbreaks, or to print an order form. Additional web resources:



University of Minnesota - Recommended trees for Minnesota
<https://extension.umn.edu/tree-selection-and-care/recommended-trees-minnesota>

MN DNR - Caring for Trees - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/caring-pruning.html>

2022 Tree Order Form				Order Number (office use)
Mail Order NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT			Name:	
To: 501 7th St., PO Box 457, Nicollet MN 56074			Address:	
PHONE: (507) 232-2550			Phone:	
QUALITY NURSING STOCK FOR CONSERVATION				
CONIFER POTTED				Important Notice Trees are distributed in April. We will notify you of your pickup day. The cost of trees does not warrant free replacement and the district offers no guarantee of survival. Payment due in full on day of order. No refunds on cancelled orders after February 23rd, 2022.
Species	Size	# of Trees	Cost	
1 Quart Red Pine	5-10"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
1 Quart White Pine	5-8"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
1 Quart Colorado Spruce	8-16"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
1 Quart Blackhills Spruce	8-12"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
1 Quart Pine Ponderosa	6-10"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
1 Quart American Arborvitae	6-12"		x \$4.00/Tree =	
2 Gal. White Pine	18-24"		x \$15.00/Tree =	
2 Gal. American Arborvitae	18-24"		x \$15.00/Tree =	
2 Gal. Blackhills Spruce	24-30"		x \$15.00/Tree =	
2 Gal. Colorado Spruce	24-30"		x \$15.00/Tree =	
BARE ROOT DECIDUOUS 1 Bundle = 10 Trees				Availability and size are subject to change. Please check the online order form or call the district office if you have questions. 507-232-2550
American Linden	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Norway Poplar	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Sugar Maple	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Red Maple	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Swamp White Oak	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Red Oak	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
SMALL TREES 1 Bundle = 10 Trees				
Elderberry	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Crab, Red Splendor	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Nanking Cherry	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
American Plum	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
SHRUBS 1 Bundle = 10 Trees				Pick up location will be at the Nicollet SWCD 501 7th Street Nicollet, MN
American Hazelnut	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Common Lilac	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Serviceberry (Juneberry)	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Dogwood Redosier	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Flame Willow	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
Cranberrybush	18-24"		x \$15.00/Bundle =	
FABRIC TREE SQUARES & ROLLS # of Mats or Feet				
Price Includes 6"x1"x6" Staples				
Pre-Cut Tree Squares	3' x 3'		x \$1.65/Square =	
Fabric Roll Mat (whole roll)	300 Feet		x \$110.00/Roll =	
SUBTOTAL			TOTAL DUE	
SALES TAX (7.375%)				
Please Round Sales Tax Correctly			Make Checks Payable to Nicollet SWCD	