

How and why to identify Ash Trees

Due to the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer, the City of West Liberty advises community members to remove Ash Trees on their private property before the tree dies. Dead trees will fall over, which could potentially hurt someone or cause property damage.

If you need help identifying Ash Trees please contact Streets/Public Works Supt. Adam Reinhardt at 319-325-3180 or Parks & Rec. Director Nick Heath at 319-321-3179.

What to look for:

A compound leaf (the sort you're looking for) is defined as having more than one leaflet per leaf connecting to a stem that has a bud at its base. Ash tree leaves typically have 5-9 leaflets per leaf.



While this identification method may not be as helpful when it comes to young ash trees (they typically have smoother bark), the bark on more advanced ash trees tends to have distinct diamond patterns.

Opposite branching, which means the branches protruding from tree limbs have a mate protruding from the exact opposite side of the same limb.



Learn More

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/conservation/forestry/forest-health/emerald-ash-borer>
or <https://beasmartash.org/do-i-have-an-ash-tree/>