

# Identifying ash trees



All ash trees are threatened by the emerald ash borer, an invasive tree pest that attacks and kills ash trees. Learning to identify ash trees is the first step.

Look for the following characteristics to determine if your tree is an ash tree:



Branches grow directly opposite from one another



Compound leaves, or multiple leaves on one stalk



Bark with diamond-shaped pattern



Seeds that are oar-shaped and typically hang in clusters

If you have ash trees on your property, learn about options for saving your tree or get tips for removal and replanting at [hennepin.us/ashtrees](https://hennepin.us/ashtrees)



# Funding for removals

In early 2024 Hennepin County was awarded 10 million dollars in funding from the U.S. Forest Service to remove diseased trees, plant trees, educate residents, and support businesses and workforce development. Work on this project will continue through January 2029. Hennepin County will help homeowners with low incomes get trees removed and replaced on their properties. Applications for tree removal will be accepted beginning in June 2024.



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