



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Frequently Asked Questions for Oregon Nurseries 2024

What are the boundaries of the EAB Quarantine order?

Currently the entirety of Washington County is a quarantined area. The ODA will expand quarantine measures once EAB is found in new counties. The purpose of the quarantine area is to encompass the known range of EAB within Oregon to slow the expansion of the infestation. Surveys are being conducted in 2022 and 2023 to help identify their current range.

What species of trees are affected by the EAB Quarantine order?

All species, cultivars, and parts of ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.), olive trees (*Olea* spp.), and white fringe tree (*Chioanthus virginicus*) including, but not limited to: scion wood, rootstock, branches, and nursery stock.

Can host trees be sold within Washington County?

Yes, movement of EAB hosts within the quarantine area is permitted. Ash, olive, and white fringe trees that are already within Washington County can be shipped, given, sold, or planted **within the quarantine area**, but they may not be removed from Washington County by the nursery, purchaser, or other agent. Retail nurseries in the quarantine zone should:

1. Train staff to identify EAB
2. Inspect EAB host plants prior to moving them off the premises
3. Inspect any mother trees or other larger host trees on the property
4. Communicate clearly to the purchaser that these plants are required to remain in Washington County

How does this affect landscaping companies?

The same rules apply: ash, olive, or white fringe trees that have been within Washington County cannot be transported or planted outside of that county. The only exception to this rule is if these regulated plants are purchased from a nursery that has an “Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement for Nursery Stock” document with a signature from a state official. Landscaping companies that are also licensed nursery growers are eligible to apply for a compliance agreement, but companies that are only transporting, arranging for, or planting nursery material that originates from a Washington County-based nursery are not eligible to have their own compliance agreements. Any violation of this rule subject the violator to the penalty provisions listed below.

Will a nursery be held responsible if a customer purchases host trees and then moves them outside of the quarantine area?

So long as the nursery has communicated to the consumer the restrictions associated with these species, they are not liable for customers who remove the hosts from the quarantine area.

Is it possible for nurseries located in Washington County to move or sell host trees outside of the quarantine area?

To sell these hosts outside of the quarantine zone boundaries, nurseries must sign a EAB Compliance Agreement for Nursery Stock which is overseen by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The compliance agreement outlines conditions that must be met by the nursery to move and/or sell host nursery stock outside of the quarantined area.

What are the EAB Compliance Program requirements for moving host trees outside of the quarantine zone?

All trees and plant parts must meet specific conditions that make them low risk of harboring EAB adults or larvae. Plant material must meet one of the following requirements:

1. They are produced in an ODA-approved screenhouse;
2. They are properly treated with chemicals from the ODA “Pesticide list for Emerald Ash Borer in Oregon” ([linked here](#)).
3. The tree trunks or other plant materials at the thickest points are less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch (1.9 cm) in diameter measured 4 inches from above the soil line.
4. The plants are tissue culture.

More details are found in the “Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement for Nursery Stock”.

How do I request a compliance agreement for nursery stock to move EAB host material?

Please contact your ODA nursery inspector or Kara Mills (Kara.Mills@oda.oregon.gov, 503-983-6521) to request a copy of the compliance agreement. An ODA Nursery Inspector will arrange to visit your property to review the Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement. Once they confirm that your establishment meets the requirements, you both will sign the compliance form, and you will be issued a “Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (CQC)” that you will need to include with all out-going shipments. If you have plants smaller than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch (1.9 cm) in diameter, the inspector will be able to issue you a CQC during that initial visit. If you have plants that you intend to treat with chemicals, please arrange for the ODA Nursery Inspector to visit after the treatments have occurred. CQCs cannot be issued prior to treatment.



I am a licensed nursery, but I don't know who my inspector is. How can I find out?

Each of our nursery inspectors covers a specific territory which includes multiple counties. All contact information for our nursery inspectors may be found on the ODA Nursery Program website under 'Contact Us', you may find the complete list online [here](#). You may also contact us at nursery@oda.oregon.gov

Where can I read the official EAB Quarantine order?

You can review ORS 603-052-1075 [online here](#).

Is there a penalty for violating the Quarantine order?

Yes, any violation of this rule shall be deemed to be a violation of ORS 570.410 and subject the violator to the penalty provisions of ORS 570.990 and 570.995, including civil penalties of up to \$10,000.

Can I find out the location of trees in Washington County that were confirmed positive for EAB infestation?

Yes, there is a map which displays the current status of trees that have been surveyed and confirmed to have EAB: [EAB Dashboard link](#)

I believe trees on my property are infested with EAB, what should I do next?

1. Confirm that it is an ash or white fringe tree ([OSU Extension pest detection guide](#), [Ash tree identification](#); [White fringe tree identification](#))
2. Confirm that the symptoms of EAB are present on the tree ([Tree symptoms of EAB infestation](#))
3. Report the sighting: [Oregon Invasive Species Hotline](#)
4. Contact the ODA: EAB@oda.oregon.gov

Where can I learn about the basics of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)?

Please review the following online resources to learn more about this invasive insect, its impact, and the next steps to help protect Oregon:

[ODA Visual Guide to EAB Look-alikes](#)

[OSU Extension EAB information](#)

[Oregon Invasive Species Council EAB information](#)

Resources were created by The Oregon Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the Department of Forestry, the Oregon Invasive Species Council, Oregon State University among others.



