

August 2, 2012

To Mayor Ford and all City Councillors:

Your offices should receive in the mail today 10 copies of the booklet titled "**What you need to know about the management of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Guidelines for hiring tree care services to manage urban trees**".

Urban Forestry has worked with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and members of the Ontario Commercial Arborists Association to produce this free booklet which provides information about EAB, outlines factors to be considered when assessing management options, and what property owners should be looking for when hiring an arborist or tree care company.

With provincial funding provided, this booklet was designed and printed for use in Toronto and other GTA municipalities. It is being distributed to other jurisdictions like Ottawa and London, Ontario for the benefit of Ontario's tree canopy. This information is now also available on the City's web site at http://www.toronto.ca/trees/pdfs/eab_management.pdf, through 311 Toronto and it will also be featured on our home page.

The booklets will be distributed at LEAF workshops and from Civic and community centres.

I hope you find the information in this booklet useful. If you would like additional copies for distribution at events, or for specific resident groups within your area, please contact myself or Kristjan Vitols and we will arrange this for you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beth McEwen".

Beth McEwen
Manager, Urban Forestry Renewal