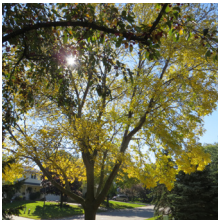# Identifying ash trees

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

1 million

Number of ash trees in yards, parks and streets throughout Hennepin County

100 percent

Number of ash trees that are susceptible to emerald ash borer and will die unless treated.

15 miles

Most residents live within 15 miles of an infested ash tree, so figure out now if you have ash trees on your property and how you're going to manage them.