

## **COON RAPIDS TO START REMOVING ASH TREES**

One component of the City's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management plan is to start removing boulevard ash trees in poor condition in an effort to spread the costs associated with an outbreak over a number of years. Ash trees that have major defects such as split trunks and large dead branches are considered first for removal. Other considerations for removal include poor structure, trees in decline due to old age, or trees too large for their current location.

Once removed, the larger parts of the tree are stored at the Public Works garage and then processed into wood chips that are used to produce energy for the St. Paul district energy power plant.

New trees will be planted the following spring keeping species diversity in mind. There is no cost or special billing for this service.

If you would like to have your boulevard ash tree removed and replaced or if you have any tree related concerns, call the City Forester at 763-767-6455.