

This new subsidy program is in line with the actions taken by the city in the fight against the emerald ash borer. Its goal is to help owners face the considerable costs associated with replacing dead or dying ash trees on their properties.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- This new program is meant for residential properties with five or fewer dwellings, located in Montréal.
- To be eligible, the felled ash trees must have a diameter of at least 15 cm, measured at a height of 1.4 m from the ground.
- Eligible felled ash trees must have been replaced by new trees.
- The replacement trees must measure at least one metre in height at the time of planting and grow to a height of at least 9 metres at maturity.

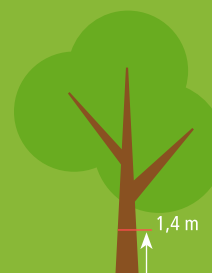
Please note that felling and planting work carried out before August 30, 2017, is not eligible for this aid program.

To understand the details of the program, please consult By-law 17-077, available at: ville.montreal.qc.ca/emeraldashborer.

FINANCIAL AID TO WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED

The subsidy is calculated in relation to the trunk diameter of the felled and replaced ash trees. The amount is \$5 per centimetre. The maximum permitted amount per residential property is \$4,000*.

* The total amount of all subsidies awarded may not exceed the cost of felling.



Reminder of key obligations under the By-law to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer on the territory of Montréal (15-040)

- The owner has an obligation to treat healthy ash trees. No permit may be obtained for the felling of a healthy ash tree.
- The owner has an obligation to have dead or dying ash trees felled before December 31 of the year in which they are discovered to be in that condition.
- It is forbidden to keep ash wood if it is not transformed in order to destroy the emerald ash borer.

At which point must treatment stop and the ash tree be felled?

If one-third or more branches of your ash tree are dead or the crown is declining, it is best to apply for a tree-felling permit and have your tree felled and replaced as soon as possible between September 15 and December 31. If in doubt, have it assessed by an expert.

Warning! An ash tree with dead branches quickly becomes dangerous and costs more to bring down because of the risk to the pruners. Waiting is not an option. Take quick action!

Financial aid program

FELLING AND REPLACING DEAD OR DYING ASH TREES

Guide for Montréal property owners (BY-LAW 17-077)

Ville de Montréal, Service des communications (11-17) 18700

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

1 Felling ash trees

You must:

- Obtain a permit from your borough allowing you to fell an ash tree. This permit is free. It will serve as supporting documentation for your subsidy application.
- Call on the services of a specialized company to have your ash tree felled.
- Sign and scan the invoice issued for felling your ash trees. This will be required to make your subsidy application.

2 Replacement tree

Each felled ash tree subject to your application for a subsidy must have been replaced by a new tree. The new tree must measure at least one metre in height at the time of planting and grow to a height of at least 9 metres at maturity.

You have two options for planting a replacement tree:

OPTION 1 : Planting by an organization mandated by the city

For each felled ash tree that needs to be replaced, a new tree will be planted free of charge on your property by a partnering greening organization.

To benefit from this service, you must first complete the subsidy application form available online at: ville.montreal.qc.ca/emeraldashborer (see option 3 for the steps to follow).

Once you will have submitted your application, the concerned organization will contact you to suggest choices of replacement tree species and to inform you of the planting schedule.

Please note that the subsidy will be granted to you only once the trees have been felled and replaced. A delay of several months may be necessary to process your application.

OPTION 2 : Planting by the owner

If you decide to plant trees yourself or to have trees planted on your property, you must complete the subsidy application form available online at ville.montreal.qc.ca/emeraldashborer (see option 3 for the steps to follow). Be sure to sign and scan the purchase invoice for the tree or the invoice for planting issued by the tree-service company that completed the work. This invoice will serve as supporting documentation.

Note the species of each planted tree, since you will have to provide this information for validation purposes.

A list of eligible tree species for the replacement of your ash trees is available at: ville.montreal.qc.ca/emeraldashborer.

3 Subsidy application

Following the felling work of one or several ash trees, you have 200 calendar days to complete and file your subsidy application online. To do so, go to:

ville.montreal.qc.ca/emeraldashborer.

- Go to the section "Financial aid".
- Complete the electronic subsidy application form according to the chosen option: planting by an organization mandated by the city (option 1) or planting by the owner (option 2).

Save the form to your documents to keep a copy of your application. The completed form accompanied by the supporting documentation must be sent to the following email address: abattage.frene@ville.montreal.qc.ca.

- Indicate in the subject line of your email the complete address of the property for which you are applying.
- Please include the following scanned copies of supporting documentation in your application:
 - a copy of the tree-felling permit issued by the borough.
 - a copy, signed by the owner, of the invoice issued by the company that supplied the tree-felling services.
 - (Option 2 only) a copy of a document proving that the tree(s) were planted, either a tree purchase invoice or a planting invoice, signed by the owner.