

At least one thumbs up from a local tree guy for the city of La Crosse plan for a preemptive cutting of hundreds of ash trees before they succumb to the emerald ash borer. Dave Johnson, certified arborist with Johnson Operating Services in La Crosse, says it's good the city's being proactive about the emerald ash borer. He says it's not a question of 'if' the bug is coming in a big way to La Crosse it's 'when.'

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Johnson says removing trees when they're healthy is cheaper and safer than after they've been killed by the ash borer.