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Dear Residents of Heritage Estates and Cardinal Estates:

Dr. Dan Herms of The Ohio State Extension Service is finalizing his study of the Ash trees in your subdivisions. The study involved testing a variety of possible agents for protecting the trees from EAB infestation.

The City of Oregon will soon remove and replace the Ash Trees infested by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) located in the City right of way (the area between the sidewalk and street). In the removal process, the City will grind out the stumps and re-landscape

Replacement planting will not occur until fall and will be from a variety of types included within the list of approved Street Trees. Conifers or evergreens will not be planted. Underground utilities allow for planting large canopy trees which will be selected at random although pairs or triplets of the same type may be utilized in some locations. The City's current policy is to plant larger canopy trees where possible. Smaller ornamental trees will not be used and we encourage including these within your lot landscaping.

Several questions may occur, such as:

"Do I need to call to have my tree removed?"

No, the Street Division crews will remove the trees as scheduling permits through out the summer and fall.

"What if I am treating the trees in front of my home and don't want them removed?"

Call the Street Division office (419-698-7016) so we can update our files.

"Will new trees be planted?"

Yes. The Tree Commission will review and determine the best location and number of trees to be planted at each address.



"If I have a Street Tree adjacent to my property that will be removed, does the tree have to be replaced?"

The tree does not have to be replaced if you strongly object, however if you think you may want one in the future, now is the time to have it planted by the City.

"What if I have a strong preference for a particular type of tree?"

Please inform the Street Division in writing or via the City website to request available species.


"Can I plant my own replacement Street tree(s)?"

Before planting you must complete an application from the Street Division and receive approval to do so. Street trees must be an **approved type** and planted by a professional tree related company. Your cost may vary from company to company.

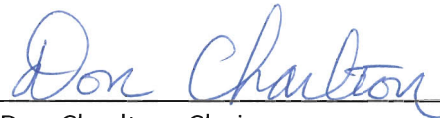
Please contact the City of Oregon Street Division. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the tree placement work at 419-698-7016, or via the City website at www.ci.oregon.oh.us.

If you have any other questions or comments regarding street trees in general, please call the number above or attend one of the regular Tree Commission meetings usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Community Room. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 22nd.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent, Street Department



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