



City of Sioux Falls

S O U T H D A K O T A

P.O. Box 7402, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-7402

August 2, 2019

GOOD NEWS REF CHURCH
1800 S VALLEY VIEW RD
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57106

DEAR GOOD NEWS REF CHURCH:

In 2018, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in Sioux Falls. EAB is an invasive tree pest that spreads through communities, attacking and killing ash trees. As part of the City's EAB management program, ash trees located in the public right-of-way (parking strip) will be preemptively removed over the next ten years, at **NO COST** to the property owner.

This letter is to inform you that an ash tree(s) located on your property will be marked for removal with a blue "0" on or after August 12, 2019. The removal process will be conducted either by the City or by a City-contracted licensed arborist beginning in January 2020.

The process includes the removal of the tree, grinding of the stump, disposal of excess debris, and removal of excess stump grindings. Replacing stump grindings with fresh topsoil and planting new grass will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Several contractors may be working on these removals so the exact time of when your tree will be removed cannot be guaranteed. The contractors will work directly with property owners to coordinate the removal(s), if necessary.

Tree removals beginning in January will proceed to Memorial Day. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day no removals will be allowed. Tree removals will resume after Labor Day. **If the ash tree(s) located in your parking strip were treated in 2019, or you intend to treat the ash tree(s) in 2020, please contact the Helpline Center by dialing 211 and ask to have your tree(s) removed from the list of trees scheduled for removal in 2020.**

For more information on EAB, please visit the City's website at www.siouxfalls.org/EAB or contact the Helpline Center at 211.

Sincerely,

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