Emerald Ash Borer in North Carolina

The emerald ash borer is a non-native invasive insect that has already killed tens of millions of ash trees in North America. Susceptible trees in N.C. are green ash, white ash, Carolina ash, pumpkin ash, & white fringetree. This beetle can spread naturally (by flying) or through the accidental, human-facilitated movement of infested material such as firewood or ash timber.

Counties are confirmed positive when a specimen is secured & identification verified. Counties declared positive based on signs/symptoms only include: Alexander, Burke, Clay, Gaston, Henderson, Polk, Randolph, Rutherford, Union, & Wilkes.

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