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Important Public Health & Safety Information
Notice to Franklin Township, Hunterdon County NJ Residents

Be aware there is a dangerous problem that occurs when ash trees are killed by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – a consequence called "Ash Snap". Entire trees will shatter, fail low on the trunk, or uproot. Seemingly healthy trees fail without warning or without wind/snow loads. Other important points to note:

- Insurance companies will NOT cover damage inflicted from Emerald Ash Borers if it was caused by a dead or diseased tree. Property owners are personally responsible for damage expenses.

- A licensed and bonded tree removal service should be used before the trees become rotten and start breaking apart. Cutting down dead trees is dangerous should not be attempted by property owners. For more information you may go online and google The Emerald Ash Borer in NJ or contact one of the many area licensed arborist or tree removal services.

- Trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner regardless of whether they are located within a municipal right of way. For additional information, a copy of Franklin Township Ordinance 2018-14 is available: https://franklin-twp.org/documents/ord2018-14-property-maintenance-row/

- Residents who see dying or dead trees along Township Roads and wish to let the Township know, can contact the Department of Public Works at 908-735-8384 or dpw@franklin-twp.org. or if you prefer to contact the Municipal Offices, the Township Staff will take messages and forward them to the DPW.

- For ash trees on County Roads residents can contact the County Department of Public Works at 908-788-1178 or roads@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

- Residents can also contact JCP&L customer service at 1-800-662-3115 anytime Monday – Friday between 8:00am – 6:00pm and make an inquiry for forestry. Residents can also fill out the JCP&L online form and email them: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/corporate/contact_us.html There's a section for "tree trimming" under customer service and when you click on it, it will pop open a window to report a tree problem as well.

Do your part. See something, say something!