

# Chicago Tribune

## Ash trees

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Kudos to the Village of Gurnee for deciding to treat its ash trees to fight emerald ash borer, rather than cut them down ("Gurnee decides to treat, rather than remove, infected ashes", News, March 20). The approach, coupled with strategic removal when necessary, is cheaper and more effective in halting spread of the beetle and its destruction.

New research from Michigan State University shows that treating just 20 percent of ash trees annually protects 99 percent of the trees after 10 years, "and the cumulative costs were substantially lower than costs of removing dead or severely declining ash trees".