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Avoid Ash Trees when Placing Deer Stands

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) cautions hunters to avoid placing deer stands in or near ash trees this deer season as they start scouting properties.

Most ash trees in the southern half of Wisconsin, Door County and the Mississippi River counties are dead or dying from emerald ash borer infestation. Although emerald ash borer is not as widespread in other parts of the state, the invasive insect continues to be found at additional locations throughout the state and unreported infestations are also likely present.

Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of serious injury to deer hunters. Research shows one in four bowhunters have experienced a fall or near-fall from an elevated stand.

It is important to place and maintain tree stands carefully, as trees infested with emerald ash borer may unexpectedly snap or drop large branches. Hunters should also be cautious around ash trees when on the ground, especially in windy conditions, as infested trees are susceptible to branch and stem breakage. "Dead and dying ash trees are structurally weaker than healthy trees, so they are not safe places to put deer stands," said Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health Specialist. "In many cases, it can be hard to tell if a tree has been infested by emerald ash borer, so hunters should place deer stands in other types of trees instead."

Basic Rules of Treestand Safety

No matter the type of treestand, follow these basic safety rules:

- Always wear a full-body harness also known as a fall-arrest system. Connect to your tether line and keep your tether line short. The tether is designed to keep you in the seat, not to catch you after you fall.
- Always have three points of contact while climbing into and out of the treestand, including two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand at all times.
- Always use a haul line to raise and lower your unloaded firearm or bow into and out of the stand. You can also use the haul for other



things like a heavy backpack.

- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down, this keeps you connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you get back down.

How To Identify Ash Trees

Ash trees can be identified through two key features: opposite branching patterns where two branches come off the main stem directly across from each other and compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets.

More information on ash trees and how to identify them is available on the UW-Madison's Department of Entomology Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin webpage at eab.russell.wisc.edu/what-is-an-ash-tree.

Avoid Spreading Forest Pests and Diseases

When traveling for hunting season, obtain firewood close to where it will be burned in order to reduce the chance of spreading tree-killing insects and diseases such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt.

Dry firewood with loose bark has the lowest risk of spreading harmful insects or diseases. Purchasing certified firewood is another option, as it is widely available and is seasoned or treated to eliminate pests and diseases. Bundles of certified firewood have a printed label showing certification.

More information about emerald ash borer, signs and symptoms of infestation and where this pest has been found is available on the DNR website at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/emeraldashborer.

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go to Mayville. We borrowed a wagon from Uncle Fritz. The oxen were hitched to the wagon and away we went, I walked along side with the long whip. (Once in Mayville the parents were delayed for business reasons and they sent Will home with the oxen and the wagon loaded with supplies and goods..)

"I walked bravely alongside of my oxen...(At a hill, Will wrote the oxen were behaving well so he climbed onto the wagon to avoid walking up hill. When the wagon reach the top of the

hill the oxen were doing well. He decided to ride the wagon down instead of walking oxen team down which was customary. The team bolted and ran out of control.)

"I was thinking that they (oxen) would find the way down the hill. And - they did find it! With all four legs at the same time down they went. I lay down and tried to, hold to the sides of the wagon. Finally the oxen had exhausted their steam. That was my good fortune. My parents never found out about this adventure."

Next, Part III - the conclusion of Wilhelm Fellwock's story.

| LEGALS |

**City Of Mayville
Water/Wastewater Utilities
Commission Meeting
Mayville City Hall
November 1 - 4 pm
Agenda
(A Quorum of Council Members
May be Present)**

- Call to Order and Roll Call.
- Citizens Comments.
- Approve Consent Agenda: Minutes of October 5, 2022
- Commission Meeting.
- Water Utility Bills.
- Wastewater Utility Bills.
- Water Report:
- Well & Distribution System Report/Discussion.
- Wastewater Report:
- Sewer System Report/Discussion.
- Discussion and possible action regarding responsibility for replacement and maintenance of sewer service laterals to private property per City of Mayville ordinance(s) 355-23 and 355-5.
- Discussion and possible action regarding PFAS retainer agreement with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC.
- Discussion and possible action regarding proposals for CIPP lining and manhole rehabilitation.
- Adjournment.

Next scheduled meeting is December 6, 2022; 4:00 PM at Mayville City Hall.

Burt Bushke
President

NOTE: Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact City Hall at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9404854075>

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**City of Mayville
Park and Recreation
Commission
TAG Center
November 1 - 6:30 p.m.
Agenda**

- Call to order & Roll Call.
- Citizens Comments.
- Approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting.
- Park Director Report: Building Report.
- Grounds Report.
- Senior Center Report.
- Recreation Director Report.
- TAG Center Report.
- Update from YMCA on aquatics contract.
- Discuss with possible action field advertising at City parks.
- Discuss with possible action kid's activity room in the TAG Center.
- Discussion on Park, Recreation and TAG Center budgets.
- Set Date and Time of the next Meeting.
- Adjournment.

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Chairman

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TAXPAYERS MUST REPORT GIG ECONOMY EARNINGS WHEN FILING TAXES

Whether it's a full-time job or just a side hustle, taxpayers must report gig economy earnings on their tax return.

Earnings from gig economy work is taxable, regardless of whether an individual receives information returns. The reporting requirement for issuance of Form 1099-K changed for payments received in 2022 to totals exceeding \$600, regardless of the total number of transactions.

This means some gig workers will now receive an information return. This is true even if the work is full-time, part-time or if an individual is paid in cash. Gig workers may also be required to make quarterly estimated income tax payments and pay their share of Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Check worker classification: While providing gig economy services, it is important that the taxpayer is correctly classified. This means the business, or the platform, must determine whether the individual providing the services is an employee or independent contractor. Taxpayers can use the worker classification page on IRS.gov to see how they are classified. Independent contractors may be able to deduct business expenses, depending on tax limits and rules. It is important for taxpayers to keep records of their business expenses.

Pay the right amount of taxes throughout the year: Gig economy workers who are not considered employees have two ways to cover their income taxes:

- Submit a new Form W-4 to their employer to have more income taxes withheld from their paycheck, if they have another job as an employee.
- Make quarterly estimated tax payments to help pay their income taxes throughout the year, including self-employment tax.

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