

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department
From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



Identity Theft Prevention

Identity theft is a crime where a criminal assumes someone else's identity for profit. It is becoming increasingly common in the U.S. There is a multitude of ways your identity can be stolen. A few are listed below:

- Bank Statements
- Discarded Credit Card & ATM Receipts
- Falsely Obtained Credit Reports
- Pre-approved Credit Card Applications
- Stolen Mail
- Theft of a Wallet or Purse, Credit Cards, Social Security Card or Birth Certificate, Passport
- Internet Websites

Tips to Protect Yourself from identity Theft:

- Shred sensitive documents with a personal shredder.
- Don't give personal information over the phone.
- Do not routinely carry your social security card in your wallet or purse.
- Disclose your social security number ONLY when absolutely necessary.
- Carry ONLY those credit cards you use regularly, and cancel all unused credit cards.
- Keep an accurate list of all credit cards and telephone numbers and keep it in a secure place.
- Closely review all credit card statements each month to detect unusual activity or unauthorized charges. For a small additional fee most if not all credit card companies will monitor your account and quickly contact you on any unusual speeding.



- Destroy pre-approved credit card solicitations, contact all three major credit-reporting bureaus in writing and "opt-out" of pre-screening lists.
- Do not use your year of birth or other easily identifiable code as a password or PIN for credit cards or ATM machines. Do not allow others to closely view you as you enter your password or PIN.
- Destroy all credit card and ATM receipts, do not discard them in banks or retail establishments.
- If you suspect that your mail is being stolen or tampered with, contact your local post office or postal inspector.
- Never give your PIN number out to someone over the telephone, even if they say that they work for the bank or financial company in question.
- Be very cautious about sending personal identifying information.

Protect yourself and your property and remember the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Department's number one priority is to be of service to you the Sac and Fox Nation tribal member!

Destructive Insects Creep Closer to Oklahoma

With the quarantine of ash trees in Arkansas, the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) to millions of Oklahoma ash trees intensifies for southeastern Oklahoma, especially McCurtain and Le Flore counties. As the pest is literally next door, Oklahoma Forestry Services is asking Oklahomans to help prevent the infestation spread and be on the lookout and report any signs that the insect is in the state.

The Emerald Ash Borer is an Asian, invasive, wood-boring beetle, first detected in the United States in 2002 in Michigan. Since its detection, these beetles have moved to at least 20 other states and have killed tens of millions of ash trees, costing communities, property owners and industries millions of dollars. It is suspected to have accidentally arrived in the United States from Asia in wood packing material.

Help prevent the spread

New infestations are caused by people unknowingly moving infested ash to an uninfested area. The fastest means for moving Emerald Ash Borer to new areas is by transporting infested firewood to areas that don't already have it. Oklahoma Forestry Services urges Oklahomans not to move firewood, but instead to buy it where they are going to burn it. Don't take firewood to a campsite, and don't bring firewood home. If someone has already transported firewood, they should burn it all completely.

If you have ash trees on your property OFS recommends consulting with a professional forester or certified arborist to explore options for your ash trees, based on their condition, objectives for your property and the status of EAB in your area. The good news is that it's possible to save your ash trees from the EAB invasion. There are professional and over-the-counter insecticides available to protect ash trees. However, insecticide treatments could be costly, and other options should be considered prior to treating your trees.

Be on the lookout

Oklahoma Forestry Services is also asking people to keep an eye out for signs of Emerald Ash Borer infestation in ash trees. Here's what to look for:

- Adult EAB - Is a glittery emerald green color and about 1/2" long. They are difficult to detect.
- Larva - It is a cream color and distinctly segmented. It is easy to spot by peeling back loose bark.
- S-shaped galleries – After the larvae have matured and exited the tree, distinct s-shaped galleries are left under the bark.
- D-shaped exit holes are left in the tree.
- Crown Decline – the top 1/3 of the tree typically dies first, then progresses down the tree.
- Epicormic Sprouts – As the top of the tree declines, new shoots may be produced lower on the tree.
- Multiple Trees – Infestation almost always includes a number of declining ash in the area.
- Woodpecker Holes – Woodpeckers love EAB larvae, so woodpecker holes might indicate EAB.

Please notify Oklahoma Forestry Services at 405-522-6158 if you see signs of EAB infestation in ash trees. For more information about the Emerald Ash Borer visit www.forestry.ok.gov/tree-pest-alerts.

About Oklahoma Forestry Services

Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting Oklahoma's 12.5 million acres of forests and woodlands. Since 1925, Oklahoma Forestry Services has worked with individuals and communities throughout the state to create resilient landscapes, fire-adaptive communities and provide wildfire response. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the division also has regional offices in Broken Bow, Goldsby, Tahlequah and Wilburton. For more information, visit www.forestry.ok.gov or call (405) 522-6158.

Native Employment Works (NEW)

Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department is currently taking applications for Native Employment Works. NEW is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with expenses while attending school or if underemployed. We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number on the bottom of this article, if you have any questions.

To qualify for NEW, you must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

The NEW program eligibility includes teen parents, unemployed parent(s) if attending school, underemployed parent(s), and other tribal members if they have one or more Sac and Fox children.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Tribal enrollment cards for all household members
- (Birth certificates for those without a tribal enrollment card)
- Driver's license if over 18 and not enrolled.
- Driver's license or photo ID for applicant.
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- School enrollment verification or employment verification.
- Proof of income – including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older.

Other documents may be required based on your situation.

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A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF WILL NOW BE AT
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WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CUSHING AREA WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.

EMERALD ASH BORER
A THREAT TO OKLAHOMA ASH TREES • COULD MY TREE HAVE IT?

<p>ADULT Because of its size and short period of activity, the metallic green adult is often difficult to detect even in areas of high infestation.</p>	<p>CROWN DECLINE The typical pattern of crown decline caused by EAB is the top 1/3 dying first and then progressing down the tree.</p>
<p>LARVA The distinctly segmented larva is relatively easy to locate by peeling back loose bark of infested trees.</p>	<p>EPICORMIC SPROUTS As the top of the tree declines, new shoots may be produced lower on the tree.</p>
<p>S-SHAPED GALLERIES Even after larvae have matured and exited the tree, the distinct S-shaped galleries under the bark are diagnostic of EAB.</p>	<p>SYMPTOMS ON MULTIPLE TREES Detectable levels of EAB infestation will almost always include a number of declining ash in an area. Always look for other ash nearby with similar symptoms.</p>
<p>D-SHAPED EXIT HOLES Although they are difficult to find, D-shaped exit holes are diagnostic of EAB activity.</p>	<p>WOODPECKER HOLES Woodpeckers love EAB larvae and woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of EAB. However, not all EAB infested trees are attacked by woodpeckers and other insect larvae may also attract woodpeckers.</p>

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For more information: Oklahoma Forestry Services (405) 522-8889
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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP runs from Nov. 10 – April 15 for heating assistance and from June 11 – Sept. 11 for cooling assistance

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The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services LIHEAP Program is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire or eviction). We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number to the left if you have any questions. The program runs from Nov. 10 through April 15 for heating and from June 11 through Sept. 11 for cooling.

To qualify for LIHEAP, you must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- CDIB cards for all household members (birth certificates for those without a CDIB)
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- Driver's license or photo I.D.
- Current utility bill or cut-off notice.
- Proof of income-including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older. Other documents may be required based on your situation.

LIHEAP Clients
Please allow 7-14 working days for your application to be reviewed, verified and processed for payment.
If you have a cut-off notice we ask that you make payment arrangements.
Thank you.

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