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## **Tree Care Professional and Contractor Emerald Ash Borer Education**

Friday, March 7 at 9am – 3pm, The Onondaga County Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Task Force and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County will host an educational day focused on emerald ash borer and ash tree management at the Martha Eddy at the NYS Fairgrounds. This event is targeted for tree care professionals, contractors and any municipality or organization considering hiring a tree care professional to manage ash trees infested with EAB. An emphasis will be placed on compliance, hazard tree management and safety, agency coordination and communication, labor laws, and pesticides. Session topics and speakers are as follows:

*Session 1: What You Need to Know to About Quarantine, Compliance, and Regulations to Manage and Move Wood* - William Ellsworth & Dorothea Duell, NYS Agriculture & Markets and the NYS DEC.

*Session 2: Tree Removal Safety* - Brian Skinner and Jim Maloney of National Grid.

*Lunch: The Indiana Bat & Northern Long-eared Bat* - Robyn Niver, US Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Session 3: Communicating and Coordinating with the NYS DOT and NYS DOL* - Tim Baker, NYS Department of Transportation and Brian Steen, NYS Department of Labor.

*Session 4: Emerald Ash Borer Pesticide Treatment Options and Regulations* - Jessi Lyons, CCE Onondaga and Don Nelson, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

\$10 per person registration includes lunch. **Registration and prepayment is required before March 4, 2014.**

CEU credits will be available: 2.5 NYS DEC for categories 2, 3a, 6a, 9, 10 & 25. 1.0 credits for ISA. 1.0 credits for CTSP. 1.0 credits for NYSNLA CNLP.

**This event is generously funded by Onondaga County Community Development Division, National Grid, Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District, and NYS Urban Forestry Council Region 7.**

**For more information and to register, please visit the [online registration page](#), or [www.extendonondaga.org](http://www.extendonondaga.org).**

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