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**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-179**

**Purpose:** As of November 1, 2006, any plans or designs for tree plantings will not recommend any species of Ash due to the Emerald Ash Borer. All recommendations found in standards, specifications, or guides in the Illinois Field Office Technical Guide regarding the planting of Ash species, will eventually be revised to remove Ash Species.

**Background:** Up to November 1, 2006, the Illinois Field Office Technical Guide supported the planting of the Ash species. However, because of the confirmed sightings of the Emerald Ash Borer in Illinois, the planting or recommendation of all Ash species will be discontinued.

eFOTG can be accessed through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or by accessing <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

**Location**

**Summary of Changes**

All Appropriate Sections of the FOTG

Disallows recommendations or designing plantings that include Ash Species.

Technical Guide Notice 179 is filed under Section 1, "FOTG transmittals" at the eFOTG site.

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ACTING FOR  
WILLIAM J. GRADLE  
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Enclosures

DIST: Field Offices  
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