



Sgt. Brewer of the Wadesboro Police Department is show with the new radar speed sign located at Wadesboro Elementary School.

### Radars Speed Sign at Wadesboro Elementary School Results in Safer Traffic Conditions

The Wadesboro Police Department was successfully able to implement the Shield 12 Radar Speed Sign with TrafficCloud Software in the location of Wadesboro Elementary School on Camden Road. Since the Shield 12 has been deployed, a decrease in speed and notable increase of speed awareness has been observed. Chief Thedis L. Spencer said, "The Wadesboro Police Department has every confidence that continued deployment of equipment like this will result in safer roads and ultimately better served communities."

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Even in summer months, adding insulation to your attic can keep your home more comfortable and save energy used by your cooling system. If your attic insulation is level with or below your floor joists (meaning you can easily see your joists), you should add more. If you can't see any of the floor joists because the insulation is well above them, you likely have enough insulation. Attic insulation should be evenly distributed with no low spots. Make sure the areas along the eaves are adequately covered.

source: energy.gov



### Emerald Ash Borer Found in Stanly County for the First Time

Ansonians urged to report any sightings of this invasive tree-killing insect



The emerald ash borer (EAB) was recently found in Stanly County for the first time, bringing the number of counties in the state where the tree-killing insect has been detected to 62.

EAB is a metallic green beetle that bores into ash trees and feeds on tissues beneath the bark, ultimately killing the tree. The discovery was found on private property in Albemarle. "A forestry consultant noticed a 'D' shaped exit hole in the ash tree canopies while clearing an area," said Jim Moeller, forest health specialist with the

N.C. Forest Service. "Once the trees were cut down, N.C. Forest Service personnel helped peel back the bark and found the insect."

Adult borers lay eggs on the bark of ash trees. When the eggs hatch, the larvae bore into the bark and feed on the transportation tissues of the tree. This disrupts the movement of nutrients and water within the tree, causing the tree's slow death typically in three to five years.

The signs and symptoms of EAB infestation include thinning and dying crowns; increased woodpecker activity that causes the tree to look like it is losing patches of bark; small, 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes where adult beetles emerged from the trees; galleries on the inside of the bark; cream-colored larvae; and, epicormic sprouting or sprouting from the main stem of the tree. Host plants include all native ash trees and native white fringetree. The Chinese white fringetree, often planted for ornamental purposes, is believed to be resistant.

EAB has been found in the following North Carolina counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nash, Orange, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Yadkin and Yancey.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a quarantine for EAB, which prohibits the movement of ash plant parts, the insect itself, ash nursery stock and all hardwood firewood into nonquarantined areas such as central Tennessee, most of Alabama and all of Florida.

Adult EAB beetles are about a half-inch long and 1/8-inch wide. Under their wing covers, their bodies are a metallic purple-red color. In North Carolina, the adult EAB is typically active from late spring to early summer, likely April through June. EAB larvae may be found under the bark of the tree most of the year.

For more information about EAB, visit [ncforests.gov](http://ncforests.gov) and follow the links under the "Forest Health" section. To view current federal EAB quarantines, visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

The spread of invasive insects in the state is often due to human activity through the transportation of infested wood products such as firewood. It is strongly recommended that people burn local or treated firewood to reduce the spread of invasive pests.

The N.C. Forest Health Branch monitors the spread of invasive pests. People who suspect there is an infested tree in an area near them should contact their county ranger. Contact information can be found online at [ncforests.gov](http://ncforests.gov), under the links in the "contacts" heading.

A map showing emerald ash borer detections throughout North Carolina is available at [ncforests.gov/forest\\_health/pdf/Map\\_EAB\\_NCTracking.pdf](http://ncforests.gov/forest_health/pdf/Map_EAB_NCTracking.pdf).

### Addiction Recovery Support Group Meets Online

The Virtual Addiction Recovery Support Group has resumed meetings, and they are now conducted online. The meetings are available to anyone who is interested each Wednesday, from 5 to 6 p.m.

For information on how to participate contact Kelly Kirk, NC Certified Peer Support Specialist, Registered Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, Certified Recovery Coach at the Richmond County DHHS Peer Support Program. Her office number is 910-997-8424, email is [Kelly.kirk@richmondnc.com](mailto:Kelly.kirk@richmondnc.com).

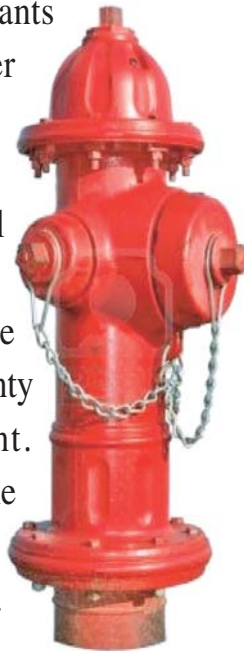
### Unauthorized Hydrant Use

The use of Anson County Water Department fire hydrants for obtaining water for agricultural or any other purpose without written consent of the Water Department is a violation of state and federal law. Hydrants are for use by written-permitted users, water company or fire department personnel only.

The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system. Please report suspicious activity to the Anson County Sheriff's Office or the Water Department.

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department.

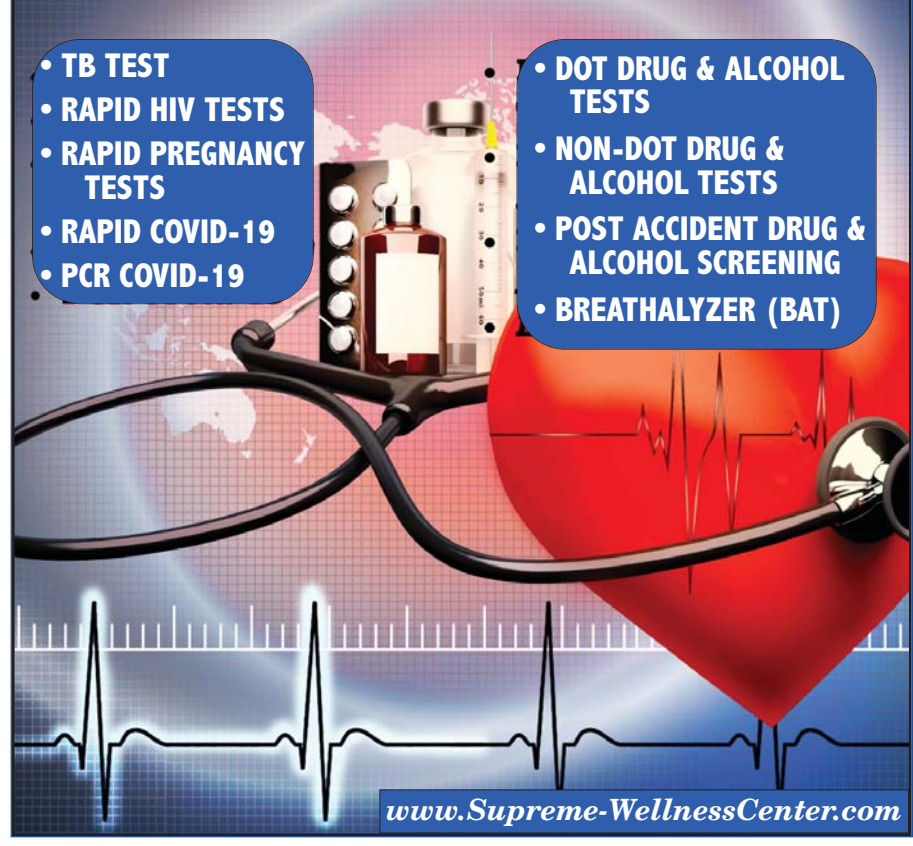
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