



Bark Beetle Reduction Cost Share Program

What's Bugging AZ Trees?

Bark beetles are very small insects that feed on phloem, or the "sugary" tissue that lies between the bark and the wood of a tree. As they feed, they create tunnels that, when severe enough, may cause the tree to die. Bark beetles typically prefer to attack weakened, stressed trees. When bark beetles find forested areas that contain weak, stressed trees, they produce an aggregation pheromone that attracts more beetles to the area.

What is the Bark Beetle Reduction Cost Share Program?



Homeowners reimbursed 50% of tree removal up to the funding cap. Details in sign up form.

Removing bark beetle infested trees has proven to reduce localized bark beetle spread in otherwise healthy forests. To assist in maintaining healthy forests and reduce bark beetle infestations, the Bark Beetle Reduction Cost Share Program provides landowners financial assistance to remove actively infested bark beetle trees.

This program supports the mission of the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management by:

- » Protecting Healthy Forests
- » Supporting Communities
- » Reducing Wildfire Risk



ELIGIBILITY

We're excited to help our neighbors! This program is open to private property owners statewide **during the fall and winter months**. Applications that meet the following criteria are eligible for inclusion:



Properties 3 acres or less



Properties with structures (no vacant lots)



Applicant must be the property owner



Trees with an active infestation

Beetles are typically no longer present in completely dead trees.

Any homeowner can submit an application for a free property assessment. However, only applications meeting the above requirements qualify for cost share.

HOW IT WORKS



Step 1

Use the link below to fill out the application. You will be added to our waitlist. This program is **only open in the fall and winter**, on a first come first served basis, until all funds have been utilized.



Step 2

A DFFM forestry professional will perform an onsite assessment of your property, identify all trees actively infested with bark beetles, and mark the tree with flagging and tree paint.



Step 3

After the assessment, you obtain quotes from contractors to remove the marked and flagged trees, including the removal of all debris. Based on the quotes, you pick which company you'd like to work with and send your quote to DFFM for approval. The Arizona Community Tree Council (ACTC) will contact you and the contractor to proceed with the work.



Step 4

Once the tree removal is completed, ACTC will contact you to confirm that the work was completed on your property, and all debris was removed. DFFM will then reimburse you for 50% of the total cost up to the funding cap.

SIGN UP NOW
CLICK HERE

Have Questions?



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