

ASH CROWN HEALTH CLASSES

Class 1. Crown is full and healthy



Class 2. Crown has lost some leaves (thinning), but shows no die-back (i.e., no leafless twigs in upper crown)



Ash tree crown health classification was developed by Smith (2006): Effects of community structure on forest susceptibility and response to the emerald ash borer invasion of the Huron River watershed in southeast Michigan. Columbus, OH: The Ohio State, University. 122 p. M.S. thesis.

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Class 3. Crown has die-back, but less than 50%



Class 4. Crown has at least 50% die-back but still has some leaves



Class 5. Crown has no leaves, although there may be leaves on epicormic shoots or stump sprouts

