

Forester's Report 2012-10-31

One burning permit was issued and then rescinded due to a continuing open burning ban since the last Forester's Report. Dakota County (as of 10-30-12) is one of four counties that remain in the no open burning except by special variance restriction areas. Special variances do not include convenience brush burning. My recommendation remains: no brush burning until we get a substantial period of rain or winter snow.

Street tree clearance pruning has been completed along Charlton Road, Angell Road and Sunny Side Lane

The young trees planted in Musser Park last year have been watered three times in October and will not be watered again this year.

No new news regarding emerald ash borer. I am planning that the 2013 Arbor Day Green Fair will have a hands-on emphasis on Emerald Ash Borer control for individual trees and Firewise safety information.

I have completed the last deep watering of my young trees and I recommend that anyone with young trees give them one last watering before winter.

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