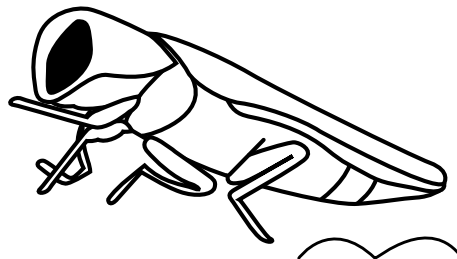


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# Pest Quest

The eight events below describe another invasive species—the *emerald ash borer*. The events are out of order. Put them in order, from first to last. The first one has been done for you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. The government tried to prevent the beetle from leaving Michigan. But the beetle's larvae were hidden in a shipment of ash trees. That shipment traveled from Michigan to Maryland in 2003.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Soon, it began to destroy thousands of ash trees in Michigan. Ash trees are used to build hardwood floors, cabinets, and even baseball bats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. That summer, the larvae developed into beetles and began destroying ash trees in Maryland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. This tiny beetle probably arrived in the United States on wooden crates carried on ships or airplanes. It was first found near Detroit, Michigan, in 2002.
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. The government in Maryland quickly tried to remove all of the ash trees in which emerald ash borers were found.
- \_\_\_\_\_ F. They thought that they had finally gotten rid of the insect. But on August 15, 2006, the beetle was discovered in Maryland again.
- 1** \_\_\_\_\_ G. Insects called emerald ash borers were once found only in Asia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ H. This invasive species may destroy all of the ash trees in the United States if it is not stopped soon.



**BONUS:** On a separate piece of paper, use the events above to write your own news story about the emerald ash borer.