

Downtown Atchison's ash trees to be replaced

**(KAIR)--More changes are in store for downtown Atchison, as city crews and contractors are set to replace the ash trees in the 700 block of Commercial Street.**

**According to a city of Atchison press release, the work is being done because the trees are already showing signs of being affected by the Emerald Ash Borer.**

**The ash trees will be replaced by a mix of other tree types to match those planted in the 800 block of Commercial. Further ash tree replacements are anticipated for the other blocks of Commercial Street within the next year.**

**Parking may be affected; however, crews will only be working on a few trees at a time to minimize the disruption to traffic flow and parking availability.**

**The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive pest that disrupts the ability of ash trees to transport water and nutrients.**

**It's native to Asia and was first documented in Michigan in the early 2000's. Since then, it's been spreading throughout the US and was first documented in Atchison County in 2016.**