

Watch out for Ash Dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*)

What is it?

Ash Dieback is a serious disease of ash trees caused by the fungal pathogen *Chalara fraxinea* (*Hymenoscyphus pseudoalbidus*). It has spread rapidly across much of Europe. The disease can affect ash trees of any age and in any setting. The disease can be fatal, particularly among younger trees.

SOME SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR*



Shoot dieback with brownish to orange discolouration, often multiple shoots



Elongated angular stem lesions, often diamond shaped



Foliage wilt, black/brown leaves may be retained

*Symptoms similar to the above may be caused by other factors, e.g. frost.

What to do?

Forest and land owners are asked to be vigilant for the disease and to report (with photographs, if possible) any sites where they have concerns about **unusual** ill health in ash, to the

*Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
by e-mail (forestprotection@agriculture.gov.ie) or phone (01-607 2651).*

Please do not remove any plant material from a site containing suspect trees. Also, please observe appropriate hygiene measures on sites where the disease is suspected, to help avoid its potential spread.

For further information, visit: www.teagasc.ie/forestry and www.agriculture.gov.ie or scan the QR code. Follow us on Twitter @teagascforestry for Chalara updates.

