When the emerald ash borer came to town, the people of Tree City were very sad. This bug killed all of their ash trees. The trees had to be cut down and the people didn’t know what to do.

The people on Smart Street decided to recycle their trees. Since the trees were already dead, they planned to cut them down and use them for city projects. The trees were made into picnic tables, park benches, and playground equipment. The city could do all these projects cheaply since they already owned the wood. These people knew how to make the best out of a bad situation.

The people on Waste Street decided to throw away their trees. They thought it would be too much work to make something out of them. They paid someone to take the trees down, grind them into pieces, and take them to the landfill. When they wanted to build things, they had to pay high prices for lumber and used wood that came from other healthy forests. All of their own trees went to waste.

What would YOU do?