

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine and Regulatory Information

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a serious invasive tree pest, and consequently a quarantine has been placed on Ramsey, Dakota, Hennepin, Houston, and Winona Counties to help slow the spread of EAB to other areas. Materials such as:

- ash logs and lumber
- ash tree waste
- ash chips and mulch
- all hardwood firewood;

are now considered regulated articles by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

No regulated articles are legally allowed to move outside of a quarantine (untreated or treated), unless they are accompanied by a MDA certificate. MDA Certificates are only available when a Compliance Agreement (CA) is signed between the MDA and the a company, city, county, agency, or organization interested in moving the regulated article.



What You Need to Know About Firewood

DON'T: Transport firewood, you may introduce an invasive pest into a new area. Remember that infested firewood may not show visible symptoms.

DO: Buy MDA certified firewood. MDA certified firewood has been treated to state standards and the MDA has verified the firewood safe to move throughout the state. Look for the MDA certified seal.

DO: Report firewood violations to MDA. If you have any questions regarding safe to move firewood or suspect a tree has a reportable pest contact the MDA's Arrest the Pest at Arrest.the.Pest@state.mn.us or 888-545-6684.

It's the Law

It is illegal to transport hardwood firewood out of Minnesota quarantined counties unless it is MDA certified firewood. Moving uncertified hardwood firewood out of **quarantine counties is illegal and is punishable up to a \$7,500 fine per violation per day.**



EAB Active Period Begins May 1st

May 1 through August 31:

- Avoid removal of ash branches, trees, stumps*
- If removal is necessary due to a hazardous condition then,
 - Chip at least outer 1” of bark/wood on-site and transport to the nearest facility that can quickly process the material** or,
 - Transport at least outer 1” of bark/wood in a vehicle where it is 100% enclosed to the nearest facility that can quickly process the material. Material should remain enclosed until it can be at a minimum chipped.

September 1 through April 30:

- Conduct pruning, removal of ash as desired.
- Transport at least outer 1” of bark/wood to a facility where it will be processed prior to May 1.

