

## Why?

Everyday human activity facilitates the long distance spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), exacerbating the extent and range of the infestation in North America. The movement of firewood and ash tree products has been found to advance the spread of EAB. Currently, EAB is responsible for the death and decline of more than 25 million ash trees in the United States.

EAB is an invasive species wood boring beetle, native to China and eastern Asia, which targets ash trees. EAB probably arrived in North America hidden in firewood or wood packing materials commonly used to ship consumer and other goods. It was first detected in July 2002 in southeastern Michigan and has since been found in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois.

For more information on EAB and APHIS' expanded quarantine, please visit [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov) or call 847-699-2400.

## What To Do If You Observe A Violation Of The EAB Quarantine

1. Record vehicle information
  - Name/address/license plate #
  - Business/Carrier name
  - Location of sighting
  - Intended destination (if known)
  - Product's point of origin (if known)
  - Description of product
2. Report violation(s) , to:
  - Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) at 800/641-3934
  - IDA via fax 217/524-4882
  - USDA –APHIS at 847-699-2400

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## Intrastate Quarantine Restrictions

Due to the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), there are specific areas in Illinois that are restricted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture from intrastate movement of firewood and regulated articles. To view a description and map of the current quarantine area, please visit [www.IllinoisEAB.com](http://www.IllinoisEAB.com)

The state-issued quarantine prohibits the removal of the following items from the quarantined area:

- The emerald ash borer in any living stage of development.
- Ash trees of any size.
- Ash limbs and branches.
- Any cut, non-coniferous (hardwood) firewood.
- Bark from ash trees and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees.
- Ash logs and lumber with either the bark or the outer one inch of sapwood, or both, attached.
- Any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the emerald ash borer.
- Any other article, product or means of conveyance determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation.

Anyone convicted of moving prohibited items from the quarantine area without prior certification by an Illinois Department of Agriculture nursery inspector may be fined up to \$500.

## Interstate Quarantine Restrictions

The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued a federal quarantine prohibiting the movement of regulated articles out of the state of Illinois. Regulated articles include ash nursery stock, ash material including logs, stumps, roots, branches, chips and all species of hardwood firewood. Due to the difficulty in distinguishing between hardwood firewood, all species including ash, oak, maple, and hickory are prohibited from leaving the state.

Firewood commercially sold and transported out of Illinois must be certified by the USDA and appropriately labeled. Individuals interested in participating in interstate commerce involving ash wood products or firewood need to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at

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to secure compliance documents and avoid penalties.



## Firewood: Federal Regulations

- The EAB Federal Regulation governs interstate movement
- All hardwood species regulated
- No ash exclusion
- Treatment options
  - Removal of all bark and ½ inch of wood
  - Kiln Dried (Max. thickness of 3 inches)
  - Fumigated with MB
  - Heat Treated
- What to look for
  - USDA Shield or
  - PPQ Form 540
- All noncompliant material stays in IL
- Contact Information
  - Des Plaines: 847-699-2400

