

Why

Everyday human activity facilitates the long distance spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), expanding the extent and range of the infestation in North America. The movement of 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 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 and Illinois.

For more information on EAB and APHIS' expanded quarantine, please visit www.aphis.usda.gov.

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) during business hours, to:
 - Illinois Department of Agriculture at 800/641-3934
 - via fax 217/524-4882
 - USDA –APHIS at 847-299-6939

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Intra-state Quarantine Restrictions

There are specific areas in Illinois that are restricted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture from intrastate movement. For the most current list of quarantined areas please visit: www.IllinoisEAB.com The state-issued quarantine prohibits the removal of the following items from their respective quarantined areas:

- The emerald ash borer in any living stage of development.
- Ash trees of any size.
- Ash limbs and branches.
- Any cut, non-coniferous 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 areas without prior certification by an Illinois Department of Agriculture nursery inspector may be fined up to \$500.

Inter-state Quarantine Restrictions

The USDA has issued a federal quarantine for the state of Illinois barring the movement of any firewood across state lines.

The federally issued quarantine restricts the interstate movement of regulated articles that originate within the quarantined area (Illinois). Regulated articles include ash nursery stock and green lumber; any other ash material including logs, stumps, roots, branches, as well as com-

posted and uncomposted wood chips. Due to the difficulty in distinguishing between species of hardwood firewood, all hardwood firewood, including ash, oak, maple and hickory are regulated articles.

Firewood that is sold and transported out of Illinois commercially must be certified and be accompanied by either of the following USDA issued Shield or PPQ Form 540 (images shown below).



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: 847-299-6939

