

Firewood Fact Sheet

The Michigan departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service, Michigan State University, and other state and federal agencies are actively working to contain and halt the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The movement of hardwood firewood has proven to be the source of many EAB infestations throughout the Great Lakes region.

The state's EAB interior quarantine is designed to restrict the artificial spread of EAB. The elements of the quarantine are as follows:

- All the sixty-eight (68) contiguous county area of the Lower Peninsula is quarantined as Level I. Movement of hardwood firewood within this 68 contiguous county area is allowed; however, movement of hardwood firewood out of Quarantine Level I and into the Upper Peninsula (UP), Canada, or other states is prohibited.
- In the UP, all of Mackinac, Houghton, Keweenaw, Schoolcraft and Delta Counties are quarantined. In Mackinac County: the City of St. Ignace, and the townships of Moran, Brevort, and St. Ignace are quarantine Level II. In Houghton County: the City of Hancock and the townships of Schoolcraft, Calumet, Osceola, Franklin, Quincy, and Hancock are quarantine Level II. In Schoolcraft County: the townships of Inwood and Thompson are quarantine Level II. In Delta County: the townships of Garden, Fairbanks, and Nahma are quarantine Level II. The area near Brimley State Park in Chippewa County is quarantine Level II. And, the remaining portions of Mackinac, Houghton, Delta, and Schoolcraft Counties (not mentioned above), and all of Keweenaw County are quarantine Level III. The movement of hardwood firewood within quarantine Level II areas is allowed, however, movement out of quarantine Level II is prohibited. Hardwood firewood may move from Level II of Mackinac County into Level I in the Lower Peninsula. The movement of hardwood firewood within quarantine Level III is allowed, however, movement out of quarantine Level III is prohibited except from Level III into adjoining Level II.

Although EAB has now been detected in parts of the UP, MDA remains committed to protecting the UP from the artificial spread of EAB. Movement of regulated articles, including hardwood firewood, from quarantined areas of the UP is prohibited. MDA will continue to focus on regulatory enforcement, detection, response efforts, and communications activities in the UP.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

All types of firewood can transport invasive pests other than EAB such as Beech Bark Disease, Asian Longhorned Beetle, Sirex Woodwasp, and Gypsy Moth. Help protect Michigan's natural resources by following this simple firewood recommendation: **Buy firewood when you reach your destination and burn it all on site.**

For more information, please call the EAB toll-free hotline at 866-325-0023 or visit one of these Web sites at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

