

HOW TO LEGALLY TRANSPORT EAB-REGULATED WOOD PRODUCTS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT TO MAINE

Know before you go in order to move materials safely and legally.

- 1) *What's the risk?* Potentially spreading emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive and expensive forest pest, into non-infested areas through commercial transport of ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) materials.
- 2) *What items are regulated?* All life stages of EAB (eggs, larvae, pupae, adults), as well as wood products and nursery stock potentially infested with EAB, including:
 - Ash logs (i.e. roundwood and pulpwood)
 - Wood chips with an ash component
 - Ash stumps, bark, branches, etc.
 - All hardwood firewood
- 3) *What exactly is prohibited?* Moving any regulated items from New Hampshire, Vermont or any other EAB-quarantined area into the State of Maine without a compliance agreement.
- 4) *What is a compliance agreement?* A compliance agreement is between a USDA inspector and processors or suppliers. When you qualify for a compliance agreement, you receive forms that you use to document where and when you moved the regulated items.
 - *Processor compliance agreements* certify a product has been processed to USDA standards to reduce its risk and make it safe to move to any location without restrictions. A processor can qualify for a compliance agreement if they can either remove or destroy the tree layer where EAB life stages are present, or if they can destroy all EAB life stages through heat treatment.
 - *Supplier compliance agreements* allow suppliers to move non-certified EAB-regulated items to an EAB-compliant certified processor in the State of Maine between October 1st and April 30th. A copy of the issued form is delivered to the EAB-compliant certified processor as part of their required record-keeping.
 - Non-certified regulated items **shall not** be moved into non-quarantined areas between May 1st and September 30th when EAB adults are actively emerging from infested ash.
 - In addition to EAB regulations, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine restrict out-of-state firewood. Be aware of firewood regulations and requirements before moving firewood across state lines.
- 5) *Who do I contact to get a compliance agreement?* Contact a USDA Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist to discuss your options and set up an appointment.

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