

# PEST ALERT



State of New Hampshire  
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
**Division of Forests and Lands**  
**Forest Health Program**

## **FIREWOOD: THREAT FROM INVASIVE SPECIES**



Firewood may contain invasive pests that can kill trees.

### **Recommendations:**

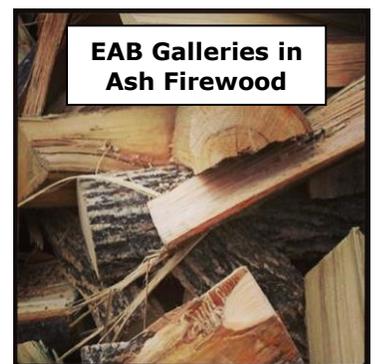
- Buy or gather firewood near your destination, and only what you will use on your trip.**
- When you buy firewood locally, get a receipt.**
- Burn all firewood to completion before you leave - don't take it to your next destination or leave it for the next person.**
- Tell your friends and others about the risks of travelling with firewood - no one wants to be responsible for starting a new pest infestation.**
- Visit the Firewood Scout website prior to your next trip to locate local firewood.**

Transporting firewood threatens our forests by potentially giving a free ride to insects and diseases. Help protect New Hampshire's forests and leave your firewood at home when you travel. Don't transport pests - when it comes to firewood, *buy it where you burn it.*

As of July, 2011 New Hampshire has banned the import of untreated firewood unless you meet the requirements for compliance agreements.

**Commercial operations** wanting to transport firewood from outside of New Hampshire should contact the Forest Health Program for a compliance agreement. Compliance agreements may be issued to transporters bringing firewood to a heat-treatment kiln, or similar facility, capable of mitigating the pest risks associated with transporting and storing firewood. Firewood originating in New Hampshire but transported out-of-state for processing may be eligible for a compliance agreement to move the material back into New Hampshire if origin can be documented, and identity and security of New Hampshire-origin firewood is maintained in the processing yard.

Extra caution should be taken for ash firewood to reduce the risk of spreading emerald ash borer. Heat treat ash to certification standards (140°F for 60 min); OR remove ash wood from shipments traveling more than 5 miles; OR season ash wood at its place of origin for at least 12 months; OR deliver ash wood after September 1 and make sure it's burned by June 1.



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