

Emerald Ash Borer – An Unwanted Hitchhiker

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a wood-boring beetle that kills ash trees. This invasive pest is believed to have entered southeast Michigan a few years ago as an unwanted hitchhiker on untreated pieces of wood from its native home in Asia.

Already EAB is responsible for the loss of millions of ash trees in Michigan's neighborhoods, parks, forests and woodlots. It threatens the 700 million ash trees remaining in Michigan, and on a larger scale, the entire ash resource of North America. EAB can infest ash trees hundreds of miles away from its present location through the movement of firewood.

What You Can Do To Help

BUY IT, BURN IT, LEAVE IT! When you move firewood, you may be inadvertently moving the Emerald Ash Borer, usually hidden in its larval stage under the bark. **BUY** firewood when you reach your destination, **BURN** it on site, and **LEAVE** all unused firewood behind.

It's the Law

Transporting hardwood firewood from a quarantined area to other parts of Michigan is against the law. Moving hardwood firewood from the Lower Peninsula into Michigan's Upper Peninsula, other states, and Canada is strictly prohibited. Violators of the quarantine may be subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment.

For more information, please contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909; call toll-free at **(866) 325-0023**; or visit our Web site at **www.michigan.gov/eab**.

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**Don't Move
Hardwood
Firewood!**

**Emerald Ash
Borer
ALERT**



Symptoms of ash borer infestations



Crown die-off



New side shoots



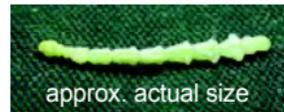
"D" shaped exit holes



Bark splitting



"S" tunneling



approx. actual size

larva

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