

# Firewood Fact Sheet



The Michigan Departments of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) and Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) 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 of Michigan EAB Interior Quarantine is designed to restrict the artificial spread of EAB. Elements of the quarantine include:

- **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 the Quarantine Level I area into the Upper Peninsula (UP) is prohibited.
- In the UP, all of **Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Houghton, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft Counties** are quarantined as Level II. Movement of *\*hardwood firewood* within the 12 contiguous county area of the UP is allowed; however, movement of *\*hardwood firewood* out of the Quarantine Level II area is prohibited except into the Quarantine Level I area.
- Movement of *\*hardwood firewood* from anywhere in Michigan to any of the following areas is prohibited: The **Beaver Island Archipelago, Big Charity Island and Little Charity Island, Isle Royale National Park and North Manitou Island and South Manitou Island.**

Although EAB has now been detected in parts of the UP, MDARD 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. MDARD will continue to focus on regulatory enforcement, detection, response efforts, and communications activities in the UP.

\* *Hardwood firewood* that is certified by USDA-APHIS for the Federal EAB Quarantine is exempt from the quarantine movement restrictions if it is packaged, bears a USDA compliance stamp and is clearly marked with the producer's name and address.

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 hardwood firewood.

**All types of firewood can transport invasive pests other than EAB such as Beech Bark Disease, Oak Wilt, Asian Longhorned Beetle, 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 MDARD's Customer Service Center at 800-292-3939 or visit one of these websites: [www.michigan.gov/eab](http://www.michigan.gov/eab) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

