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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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October is Firewood Month!

Firewood Month's two overarching goals are; raise public awareness about firewood movement as a forest pest and disease pathway, and encourage people to incorporate their most easily accepted safer firewood buying and/or gathering behaviors for recreational or home heating needs. Each year, there are established theme weeks throughout October to organize best practices based on situations and audiences, but these themes are flexible to your needs, and all participants are encouraged to celebrate Firewood Month in whatever way works best for your outreach audience.

The first week in 2020, October 4-10th, is themed **General Firewood Information** (from the forest pest pathway perspective) and by coincidence it is also **Fire Prevention Week as designated by the National Fire Protection Association**. Great timing! You can weave both themes together, or just talk about forest pests- whatever you think will work best.

The Don't Move Firewood Firewood Month Toolkit page has all four weekly themes, the online toolkit, and more, available right now for easy download.

[Visit the Firewood Month Toolkit Page >>](#)

Comment now on the status of a blight-resistant American Chestnut

The American chestnut was an incredibly ecologically and economically important tree species in North American forests until the catastrophic accidental introduction of an invasive forest pathogen- chestnut blight- in the early 1900s. One recent effort to create and plant blight-resistant

trees is now in the comment phase; the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Blight-Resistant Darling 58 American Chestnut. Learn more about this process and petition, and make your voice heard, on the Federal Register. Comment is due by October 19th 2020.

[Read and comment on chestnut status >>](#)

Federal Quarantine on Pine Shoot Beetle will end November 2, 2020

The pine shoot beetle, a non-native invasive forest pest affecting North American pines, will no longer be a federally regulated pest after November 2nd, 2020. This change will affect the legality of moving some types of pine products both between states, and between the USA and Canada- including pine firewood.

[Learn more about this regulatory change >>](#)

Photo of the month: All across North America, people will be stocking up on firewood to prep for the winter. Many people depend on firewood along with other heat sources (electric, gas, etc) to keep their homes warm without going over the household budget. Being thoughtful about firewood outreach by including information on how to gather firewood safely helps keep those people engaged in your message. Learn more here: <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/firewoodmonthheating/>

Infestations and Regulations

Map Quiz: Spotted Lanternfly Current Finds

Unfortunately, individual finds of live and dead spotted lanternflies have continued to pop up this year, putting a lot more purple “find” dots and blue “infested” counties on the regional map maintained by New York State. Here’s your map quiz; which state contains the farthest east county currently known to have a breeding population of spotted lanternflies, according to the September 2020 NYS map?

[Find the answer here >>](#)

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In the News

[Invasive beetle infests Lowcountry trees- killing them from the inside \(South Carolina\)](#)
September 28 2020

[Population dynamics of ash across the eastern USA following invasion by emerald ash borer](#)
Sept 23 2020

[City of Lethbridge Confirms Cases of Dutch Elm Disease \(Alberta Canada\)](#)
August 27 2020

Firewood Month Headquarters

With Firewood Month going on all October, we'll be focusing our efforts on easily accessible outreach venues! Visit us on our blog

(<https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/blog/>), Facebook account

(<https://www.facebook.com/DontMoveFirewood>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/dntmovefirewood>) to choose what works best for you to share!

**First Confirmed Case of Invasive
Emerald Ash Borer Found in the
Adirondack Park
August 5 2020**

Share firewood news tips

Input from our readers is vital to the success of this newsletter — and to the mission it serves. Have you heard (or done) something that you think we and other readers should hear about? Please tell us about it!

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