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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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“If I can’t bring firewood with me, where can I buy it?”

As camping season gets started, you’ll be hearing questions about how to find firewood more and more- and you’ll want to have answers! The non-profit site Firewood Scout is a firewood vendor listing service that allows state agencies to disseminate an accurate and simple solution to finding firewood ahead of time- simply look up your destination on the map, and the nearby firewood vendors are right there for you. Each participating state manages its own vendor listings database, and new vendors can add themselves on the site. Take a look to see how it works.

[View Firewood Scout >>](#)

Should Canada continue to regulate to try to stop emerald Ash Borer spread?

Cross posted from the Invasive Species Centre Canada

As of January 14, 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) removed federal regulations designed to limit the spread of EAB. This webinar will examine this question for Canada. Specifically, the authors will present a model to simulate the spread of EAB under various assumptions about regulation effectiveness. The benefits of regulation are of course intended to reduce mortality of ash caused by EAB and all the associated costs associated. The problem is fraught with uncertainty and the results illustrate the challenges faced by regulatory agencies, research organizations and those on the front line dealing with EAB. Presented by Dan McKenney and Emily Hope, Natural Resources Canada/Canadian Forest Service, Great Lakes Forestry Centre

Register NOW for the webinar- to be held this Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. EST
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3850867266368478224>

Emerald Ash Borer Deregulation and Programs Going Forward

Hosted by NAISMA

This webinar will be focused on the recent US federal domestic deregulation of emerald ash borer (EAB). Herb Bolton will share information about what USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulatory actions have ended with deregulation, and the transition of the APHIS EAB program to methods for management of the EAB, such as rearing and releasing biological control agents. Leigh Greenwood with The Nature Conservancy will describe how states and other organizations are enacting their own regulations, shifting management, and adapting their prevention efforts in response to deregulation. Leigh will also explain the Don't Move Firewood outreach program and will share the resources available to managers to spread the word and prevent the spread of invasive species in firewood. This webinar will be held Wednesday April 21, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register on NAISMA site >>](#)

April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month

Press release provided by USDA APHIS

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has declared April 2021 as Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month (IPPDAM). The national outreach initiative enlists the public in the fight against invasive pests. These damaging invaders threaten our nation's food crops, forests and natural resources. IPPDAM aims to raise public awareness about this threat, which can devastate agriculture, livelihoods and food security...

[Read the rest of the release here >>](#)

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Photo of the month: There's a surprising number of emerald ash borer look-alike insects on the internet, just waiting to trip up unsuspecting photo seekers. For photos vetted by actual entomologists, we suggest looking on [ForestryImages.org](https://www.forestryimages.org) (also known as Bugwood) to ensure you're not accidentally putting a fancy green fly where a shiny green beetle belongs. This photo was taken by Marianne Prue, Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry, Bugwood.org

Infestations and Regulations

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**Asian longhorned beetle in South
Carolina**

In the News

The new publication on Asian longhorned beetle, "First Recorded Asian Longhorned Beetle (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) Infestation in the Southern United States" has a very dry title but really good content on the history, extent, and research needs of this newly discovered infestation.

If you prefer your news in a more readable format, the accompanying article in Entomology Today, "Exciting But Dreadful: New Invasive Forest Pest Arrives in South Carolina," is probably a better choice!

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

New advertisement art available

The team at Don't Move Firewood has been hard at work creating custom art for advertisement placements throughout the US this spring and summer. Spanning from Washington to Texas to New England, we've got eleven brand new examples of different geographies and needs! Find these examples, and more on our Resource Library.

[Visit the Resource Library >>](#)

Secondary invasion? Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) induced ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) mortality interacts with ecological integrity to facilitate European buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

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The Demise and Potential Revival of the American Chestnut

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Invasive Species in Forests and Rangelands of the United States: A Comprehensive Science Synthesis for the United States Forest Sector

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