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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Firewood Comparison Report NEW VERSION!

Now with State and Territorial Appendices! That's right, the national-level Firewood Comparison Report has been revised and re-released, and the new version has so much more! What has changed?

- Individual state and territorial appendices are now included, covering from Guam to Maine, Alaska to Puerto Rico. Find them on pages 18 through 73 in alphabetical order.
- Our outreach analysis has been better explained, and we added an in-depth illustration using the Canadian province of Ontario. If you were a little confused by the outreach section when you first skimmed the prior version of the report, now is the time to revisit it! Find that on pages 12 to 16.
- State statuses changed, and clarifications came in! The Maryland state legislature passed a [Voluntary Firewood Certification bill](#), the Californians clarified several unique aspects of their state's systems with our writing team, we added important links to the Definitions section, and many smaller edits were made to improve the report.

Key reminder: this report is designed for a professional forestry and plant protection audience, it is not for general public education use. All our state and provincial information geared for the public is maintained on our user-friendly Map page, where we break down all the rules and situations in an easy to read format.

[Download the Firewood Comparison Report \(for professionals\) here >>](#)

[Visit the Firewood Map \(for the general public\) here >>](#)

April is Invasive Plant Pest Disease Awareness Month!

Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month (IPPDAM) highlights the impact invasive plant pests and diseases have on plant health nationwide and educates Americans about the simple actions they can take to help reduce their spread. Hungry, invasive pests threaten our nation's food crops, gardens, and natural resources. USDA APHIS dedicates time each April to raise public awareness about the threat, which can devastate livelihoods, food security, and forests. *(excerpt lightly modified from USDA APHIS April 5 2022 press release)*

[Learn more about IPPDAM here>>](#)

Make Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week What You Want It To Be!

Choose your own Adventure! Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week- the week prior to Memorial Day weekend (May 22-28 for 2022)- has been used by interested state and federal agencies to

focus on EAB related issues specific to their local needs for nearly a decade. This week presents an excellent opportunity to focus on one or more important issues in your area related to the emerald ash borer. In our February newsletter, we asked subscribers what themes they wanted to see highlighted for EAB Week inspiration- and here are the top results:

- **Scientific advances around biological control efforts** for emerald ash borer are a good way to engage the public with a positive story in areas where EAB biocontrol releases have begun.
- **Early detection and the need to inform the public about apps and reporting hotlines** to keep an eye on neighborhood ash trees are a good alternative for areas where EAB is not yet found.
- **Impacts on people** can spark compelling conversations- recent publications on the [serious losses to urban tree canopy](#), as well as losses to [cultural resources for tribal communities](#), are important ways to frame the need for early detection and support of active management strategies.
- And of course, no matter where you are, it'd be good to **remind the public about the importance of using local firewood, buying heat-treated firewood, or gathering firewood on site when permitted.**

For the most exhaustive list of professional information and outreach, please visit [http://www.emeraldashborer.info/ >>](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/)

For a simplified list of outreach materials and templates, visit the [Don't Move Firewood EAB Week Toolkit >>](#)

PlayCleanGo Awareness Week is in June

PlayCleanGo Awareness Week is just around the corner- scheduled for June 4–11, 2022 across North America. This public education week is managed by North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) with the goal of showing outdoor recreationists how they can help slow the spread of invasive species through cleaning their gear, vehicles, pets, and more. NAISMA encourages everyone to participate- and please use @PlayCleanGo or #PlayCleanGo in your social media posts to help them see who's joining the movement.

[Find all #PlayCleanGo campaign materials here>>](#)

Photo of the month: The Don't Move Firewood campaign has a Spanish version website featuring the top 10 most visited pages (such as the Frequently Asked Questions) as well as a variety of top Resources (like temporary tattoo graphics, our bug masks, and our national brochure) available in professionally translated Spanish versions. It's available at nomuevalalena.org as well as dontmovefirewood.org/es

Infestations and Regulations

ALB Quarantined Area Reduced in Ohio

Good news came out this week regarding the Ohio Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program- as per the media advisory sent out by Ohio Department of Agriculture on April 13th, "the ALB quarantine has been lifted in parts of East Fork State Park and its campground, a big step in the overall ALB eradication process." While there is still a large area quarantined for ALB in Ohio, this incremental step in an important recreational area is a success and milestone to celebrate. For more information, [USDA APHIS has issued a press release as of April 14](#) and an in-person media event will be held April 15th 2022 at East Fork State Park. For supporting information, visit the [Ohio Dept of Ag ALB site](#) or the USDA APHIS ALB site asianlonghornedbeetle.com

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In the News

[Firewood prohibited in all CapeNature \(South Africa\) reserves as a biodiversity precaution against Shot Hole Borer](#)
April 1 2022

[Artificial Intelligent powered app helps keep Australia free from stink bug pests](#)
March 15 2022

[Scientists estimate invasive insects will kill 1.4 million US street](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Don't Move Firewood, en Español

Did you know the Don't Move Firewood campaign has its top webpages and resources available in Spanish, on its own freestanding Spanish site? Si, es verdad, tenemos sitio Nomuevalalena.org, con pósters, paginas, y mas que dicen "Compre la leña donde se va a usar!"

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trees by 2050
March 14 2022

St. Paul Port Authority sells first-ever 'sustainability' bonds for Emerald Ash Borer removal
March 12 2022

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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