

# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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## Outreach and Updates



### Shenandoah Leads the Way

Did you know that Shenandoah National Park bans all visitors from bringing firewood and wood scraps? Amazingly, the park staff says that their visitors have been 99 percent compliant! Park staff research shows that of the roughly one percent who bring firewood to the park anyway, 43 percent are coming from a quarantined county.

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit [www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources).

## Infestations and Regulations



### EPA Proposes New Standards Wood Heat Appliances

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed new standards for wood heat appliances, including wood stoves that burn firewood and stoves using other wood heat sources, such as pellets. Learn more about the standards [here](#) or visit the larger [EPA Burnwise](#) site for general information on EPA and firewood.

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### Plants for Planting

#### You Can Comment Now

USDA APHIS reopened the comment period for the Regulations on Importation of Plants for Planting until January 30, 2014. Plants for Planting can be a major vector for how forest pests reach North America, where, once established, many become firewood-vectoring pests. Readers of our newsletter may wish to learn more, so take a look at the regulations and share your comments [here](#).

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## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



### Don't Move Firewood Winter Successes

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### In The News

1/8/2014

**Top 3 Frozen Forest Pests**

12/15/2013

**Tree Pest Spreads to Essex  
County (Massachusetts, EAB)**

12/14/13

**New beetle threatens arbors,  
orchards (California,  
Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer)**

12/11/13

**First Record of Thousand  
Cankers Disease and walnut twig  
beetle on Juglans nigra in Europe**

### Submit Your Story

This is the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of

Our big December push to educate the public on how to best purchase a real Christmas tree and how to properly dispose of trees and greenery after the holidays was a huge success. Bookmark our [Holiday Greenery](#) page now so you can prepare to educate the public in November 2014! This year we also worked hard on a balsam woolly adelgid press release that was covered by over a dozen major newspapers, including [The Washington Post](#). Thanks for another great year, and stay in touch for 2014.

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