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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Outreach and Updates



August is Tree Check Month!

The month of August is when the adult [Asian longhorned beetle](#) is most easily spotted, so it's a great time for the new Tree Check Month! Encouraging people to check their trees is a simple call to action that the public can easily do. Download this helpful handout to learn more.

[Download the Handout »](#)

Campfires and Wildfires

With the recent tragic deaths of firefighters in Arizona, even campfire safety can be tough to discuss. But for dry, fire-prone states, it's still a very important conversation, and something we all need to talk about during the summer. As part of your firewood-related outreach, you can help by pointing people to quality maps that show burn restrictions and risks. Use the link below to access the Wildland Fire Assessment System's tool, which lets you select your region and map type.

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Have You Seen Purple Traps?

Have you been fielding calls about purple traps hanging in the trees? The Tennessee Department of Agriculture put a great article in their recent newsletter describing the Emerald Ash Borer traps and why they're hanging in trees. You can use it to start thinking about important questions people might have – like whether the traps are sticky or attract more beetles to the area – and craft some messages to keep the public informed about the purple traps.

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Want to see what other states are doing? Visit www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources.

Infestations and Regulations



National Plant Board
Firewood Panel

The National Plant Board (NPB) is meeting in Louisville, Kentucky from August 4th to 8th. On Wednesday, August 7th, there will be a panel on firewood regulations. There's sure to be lots of interesting information, so plan to either attend or download the proceedings after they're published!

[View the Agenda »](#)

Boston to be Declared Eradicated

The Asian longhorned beetle infestation in Boston was thankfully quite limited in size, and final surveys

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In The News

07/5/2013

**Emerald ash borer's
'kryptonite' found**

07/2/13

**Emerald ash borer found
in Chattanooga**

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**5 tips for crossing the
border on Canada Day
weekend**

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are now taking place to determine if eradication can be declared. Learn more in this press release from APHIS.

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Don't Move Firewood Campaign



[That's What Tree Said](#)
DontMoveFirewood.org/blog

Four days. One thousand and six hundred people. The Don't Move Firewood summer interns have been busy! Every summer, the Don't Move Firewood campaign runs its "That's What Tree Said" promotion in the New England area, sending interns to educate the crowds at events. You can keep track of their work on our blog, and find all sorts of other great information, too!

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[Swiss wage war on Asian long-horned beetle](#)

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