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Get Excited for Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week 2015!

Did you know that EAB Awareness Week is in May each year? Spearheaded by USDA APHIS staff, the week prior to Memorial Day (May 17th to 23rd in 2015) is when all federal, state, and non-profit forest health professionals are encouraged to reach out to the public on the topic of emerald ash borer. Get more information by watching a recording of Dr. Cliff Sadof's "[2015 EAB Toolkit Update and the Best of EAB University](#)" webinar from last week, or visit the extensive online Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week 2015 Toolkit and press release archive on [Don't Move Firewood](#).

Have you checked your 2015 Firewood State Summary?

Join the highly prestigious club of states that have proofread and approved their 2015 Don't Move Firewood map state summary. Tens of thousands of people visit the map each spring, often directly after booking a summer vacation campsite on ReserveAmerica.com or Recreation.gov. Make sure they are getting the most accurate information possible for when they travel to your jurisdiction!

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

Infestations and Regulations



Louisiana confirms emerald ash borer

Observant US Forest Service employees discovered a cluster of emerald ash borer infested ash trees on the Louisiana side of the Louisiana-Arkansas border early this February. Wood Johnson, a USFS FHP entomologist that was part of the discovering party that day, said the symptom that was most clearly evident from a distance was the bark "blonding" effect from woodpecker predation. For more information on this confirmed find, please visit the news article, "[Emerald Ash Borer Beetle Detected in Louisiana](#)."

[New Firewood Regulation in Great Smoky Mountains National Park has taken effect](#)

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In The News

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[Annual Forest Health Report focuses on Colorado's urban, community trees](#)

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[Discoverv: Tropical fire ants traveled the world on 16th century ships](#)

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[Entomopathogenic fungi as biological control agents for the](#)

March 1, 2015 was the starting date for the new regulations in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After many months of research, public meetings, public and inter-agency outreach, and more, this is a momentous month! To see some of the useful information Great Smoky Mountains has been putting online, visit their [Firewood Frequent Asked Questions](#) page or view their new [Firewood Restriction Facts](#) handout.

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Biological Control Agents for the vector of the laurel wilt disease, the redbay ambrosia beetle, *Xyleborus glabratus*

02/13/15

Best way to store and care for firewood (MI)

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