

# FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



## Outreach and Updates



### What is the New National Firewood Association?

The [National Firewood Association](#) (NFA) is a recently founded association of firewood producers and manufacturers dedicated to educating the public about the proper use of firewood. "We've found that consumers are hungry for good advice on how to best use this precious natural resource, but seldom go looking for it," says NFA Director Scott Salveson. NFA Members deliver educational messages to local consumers, who benefit from burning less firewood to achieve the same heating goals while also reducing harmful emissions. The NFA is concerned with all aspects of firewood production, from harvesting methods to proper storage and burning techniques. The benefit to NFA members is an educated market that appreciates the qualities of good firewood and reliable, professional service. Scott Salveson, National Firewood Association

[Read More »](#)

### EAB Awareness Week – May 19th to 25th

Next week is Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Awareness Week! This week focuses attention on the destructive, ash-killing beetle and the risk associated with moving firewood. This year, a wide variety of groups will spotlight the EAB and the other invasive pests and diseases that hitch a ride on firewood.

Some activities include ash tree tagging on the grounds of the state capitol in Minnesota and throughout New York, posting permanent signs promoting sourcing local firewood at Missouri state parks, and governors' proclamations in several states. Visit [Stop the Beetle's Facebook page](#) for fun daily challenges starting May 20th for anyone who enjoys brainteasers, word puzzles and problem solving. You can also register for the EAB University: EAB 101 webinar, presented by Michigan State University, Purdue and Ohio State University. Register [here](#) for the webinar on Tuesday, May 21 at 12pm (EDT).

It's no coincidence that EAB Awareness Week is the week before the Memorial Day holiday. Nothing gets folks moving like a long weekend. Last year AAA projected an estimated 30.7 million Americans would drive 50 miles or more to camp, swim, fish, canoe, ski and barbecue. This Memorial Day, go have fun, enjoy yourself and above all: don't move firewood and leave hungry pests behind.

Joelle Hayden, USDA APHIS

[Learn More »](#)

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

## Infestations and Regulations



### How are the New Regulations Coming in Oregon?

The State of Oregon, through the leadership of the [Oregon Invasive Species Council](#), passed legislation effective January 1, 2013 that requires firewood harvested from outside the Pacific Northwest to be heat-treated. Sale of non-compliant firewood can result in fines of up to \$10,000. The definition of firewood includes whole or split pieces of wood less than 48 inches in length or other wood of any tree species cut into a form and size appropriate for use for fuel wood uses, such as home heating or campfires. Compressed wood bricks, pellets and other processed wood products used for fuel wood uses such as home heating or campfires, including fatwood, are excluded from this definition. Although attempts were made to contact as many big box and other stores before the new law went into effect, some companies did not receive word, and the Council and the Oregon Department of Agriculture are conducting outreach to inform sellers of the new law.

Lisa DeBruyckere, Oregon Invasive Species Council

[Read More »](#)

## Don't Move Firewood Campaign



### Memorial Day Press Release Don't Move Firewood Resources

Don't Move Firewood runs the Firewood Resource Library, a large collection of various outreach materials pertaining to firewood and forest pests. This spring, we uploaded all our [most successful press releases](#) from years past, including the [Memorial Day](#) and [4th of July](#) press releases, which both focus on the traditional start of camping season. Please use these releases for ideas, templates or jumping off points for your own releases and blog posts in the coming months.

[Read More »](#)

## FORWARD THIS TO A COLLEAGUE »

### In The News

04/23/2013

[Emerald Ash Borer Now in NH](#)

04/23/13

[Can We Eradicate the ALB?](#)

04/26/13

[Arbor Day, Earth Day's Wingman](#)

05/3/2013

[Oak Trees at Risk as Caterpillar Peril Spreads in South of England](#)

05/4/2013

[Beware of Unwanted Garden Pests During Spring Cleanup](#)

05/7/2013

[U.S. Urban Trees Store Carbon, Provide Billions in Economic Value, Finds State-By-State Analysis](#)

[Read More »](#)

### Submit Your Story

This is the new 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 120 words or less and we'll try to include it.

[Submit Your Story](#)

### Recent Tweets

@AndyLac32:

Asian Longhorned Beetle Update:  
[#Worcester](#) DPW says 32,000

trees lost to ALB, so far 16,000  
trees re-planted w/ more for  
2013 @CharterTV3

@dntmovefirewood:

We're starting to see beetles in  
our backyards! Here's our DMF  
backyard story! <http://bit.ly/143Z7Ht>

@savetheash:

Just heard a commercial on the  
radio about #emeraldashbore  
and the reminder to not move  
firewood! @dntmovefirewood

### DMF Resources Library | Newsletter PDF

---

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

---

Don't Move Firewood  
4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100  
Arlington, Virginia 22203-1606  
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

