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Meet the Plant Heroes

Have you seen Plant Heroes, The American Public Gardens Association site for kids and educators? It has lots of great downloadable activities, ideas, and more, and features a cast of four cool cartoon students. The site educates about EAB, ALB, Laurel wilt and P. ramorum. Plus they talk about not moving firewood! Check it out at PlantHeroes.org.

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What About Christmas Trees?

It's that time of year, and it's a great opportunity to educate the public on forest health issues. A common question we get is, "What about Christmas trees? We move those!" [Here's](#) a blog where we covered it so you can pre-empt those questions in your upcoming winter outreach. Or you can visit our detailed Holiday Greenery page with fresh updates for 2013 right [here](#).

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Children's Book Focused on Invasive Species

"The Pests that Girdle the Home of Tucker the Turtle" is a new book starring Tucker, an Eastern box turtle, who shares changes that he has seen, and it includes notable mentions of firewood, emerald ash borer, and Asian longhorned beetle. The book aims to make the concept of non-native invasive species accessible to children. "By sharing Tucker's story, we hope to encourage children to see the beauty that surrounds them and to become protectors of our natural places," said one of the authors of the book, Cynthia Sandeno. The book is available now on [Amazon](#), and was written by the Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area, and co-authored by Beth Simon, AmeriCorps Volunteer with the Monongahela National Forest.

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No Newsletter in December

There will be no Firewood Outreach Professional News email in December, but we'll be back for January 2014! This allows for a balanced budget for the year and gives everyone a holiday break. Submit your January story right now so that you don't forget!

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

Infestations and Regulations



Winter Moth Start Spreading the Word

If you live in the Northeastern U.S. or Eastern Canada, now is the time to start telling people about Winter moth. It is a relatively newly established invasive species that defoliates deciduous trees and shrubs. Check out this great short

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In The News

11/8/2013

Winter (Moth) is coming

11/5/13

video to learn more and help educate the public and your fellow invasive experts.

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Don't Move Firewood Campaign



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Did you know that our top Facebook post in 2013 was read by over 1,500 people in a single day? And we just passed our 4,900th fan! It may have started out as a site only for college students, but Facebook has become a very important outreach tool for all of us. Join our conversation there! Find and like us at [Facebook.com/DontMoveFirewood](https://www.facebook.com/DontMoveFirewood).

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Firewood business thrives during battle with Emerald Ash Borer

10/23/13

Emerald ash borer beetle on the march across Europe

10/19/2013

Invasive emerald ash borer makes its way west

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 120 words or less.

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