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WHERE  
YOU  
BURN IT**



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*gypsy moth*  
*Lymantria dispar*



## Why is moving firewood such a bad idea?

Tree-killing insects and diseases can lurk in the firewood, even when there are no visible bugs or holes. These insects and diseases can't move far on their own, but when people move local firewood they can jump hundreds of miles.

## How far is too far to move firewood? And what do you mean by "local" firewood?

Local firewood refers to the closest convenient source of wood that you can find. As a very general rule of thumb, 50 miles is too far, and 10 miles or less is best.

## I already moved firewood. How can I dispose of it properly?

The best option is to burn it quickly, completely, and safely. Do not leave it there, and do not bring it back to where it was from.

## I'm an out-of-state traveler, what extra precautions should I be taking?

Check with your state forestry or agricultural agency websites prior to travel. Many states have quarantines set in place and it is against state and federal law to move regulated articles from areas quarantined for an invasive forest pest. Be informed!

## Why are non-native insects and diseases so much worse than the native ones?

Native trees have defenses against the insects and diseases that they have been living with for millions of years. Likewise, native predators eat native insects and that keeps their numbers in check. Non-native insects and diseases have no predators in their new homes, and the trees have no natural defenses against them. Because these foreign bugs don't have anything stopping them, they reproduce really fast and become out of control, killing trees in their wake.

## I'm sold! What else can I do to prevent the spread of non-native insects and diseases?

Spread the word! Let your family and friends know the dangers of moving local firewood. Also, check all your equipment before entering and leaving a park. "Hitchhikers" can also catch a ride on your RV or camping equipment.

Keep your backyard, campsites and favorite places safe from invasive insects and diseases - buy firewood close to where you will burn it!

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*emerald ash borer*  
*Agrilus planipennis*

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