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South Dakota and Vermont confirm presence of emerald ash borer

Counties with confirmed locations of emerald ash borer in Vermont grew from one to three this spring, as the initial detection in Orange VT prompted additional discoveries in the towns of Barre, Groton, and Plainfield. It is not unreasonable to suspect that a similar rapid increase in counties and cities near Sioux Falls SD may occur in the coming weeks or months- which means that outreach and education should be focused on giving people the tools they need to inform themselves for the long run. Start with Don't Move Firewood- and keep going with additional durable and practical messages like planting a diverse canopy of trees in your neighborhood, using local firewood no matter where your destination may be, and learning about treatment options for important trees along streets, campuses, or parks.

[Take some tips from Denver's Be A Smart Ash site >>](#)
[Visit Purdue Extension's Extensive EAB Resources >>](#)

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is next week!

The states and groups that participate in Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week change a little every year, but one thing remains the same- it's a great way to earn traditional and social media coverage on a very important subject. Whether you choose to focus on early detection and reporting, firewood user behavior, teaching the public how to identify ash trees, or something else- everyone is encouraged to use the week prior to Memorial Day Weekend to bring attention to emerald ash borer's many facets.

[Visit the Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week Toolkit >>](#)
[Submit your handout or website for future inclusion in the Toolkit >>](#)

E&E News publishes article on proposed EAB Deregulation

An article titled "Feds to abandon quarantine of tree-killing insect" came out on May 14th 2018 in Energy and Environment News (E&E News). The article interviews a USDA APHIS representative as well as the state foresters of Connecticut and Vermont to illustrate several perspectives on this proposal, which is currently in the federal rulemaking stage. To access the article, you'll need to sign up for a free trial (or a full subscription) to E&E News. Here's a quote from the article to get the gist of it, "The Department of Agriculture will soon propose abandoning an emerald ash borer quarantine that restricts the movement of firewood and items from ash trees, putting new emphasis on biological controls and other approaches that don't require federal regulations and, the agency said, may be more effective."

[Preview or access the article here >>](#)

Save the Date! Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases Annual Meeting

This newsletter is one of several Initiatives of the Continental Forest Dialogue - and the annual meeting of the full Dialogue will be November 6th and 7th in Irvine, California. We'll be discussing forest pest and pathogens issues from across North America alongside hundreds of tree-related professionals attending the Partners in Community Forestry Conference. Mark it down on your calendars!

[Get details on the Continental Forest Dialogue site >>](#)

This month's featured photo is a group of immature spotted lanternflies. These insects change appearance greatly as they mature from emergence to adult- passing through several colorful nymph stages. In the photo above, younger nymphs are black and white, while the oldest has taken on the next color pattern in bright red. Credit: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org, image #5537183

Infestations and Regulations

Map Quiz: New(er) Spotted Lanternfly Occurrences

You probably know that the spotted lanternfly (SLF) has been a major issue in Pennsylvania for the last four years- and you might even know that this year USDA committed \$17.5 million in emergency funding to this emerging pest situation. But do you know which three additional states have found live or dead specimens in the past year? Write down your answers, and then click below to see how you did!

[See the list and map in SLF's Profile >>](#)
[Or find the answer in Entomology Today >>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Firewood Regulations Vary by State

For a moment, let's set aside the large geographic scope of the European gypsy moth and emerald ash borer federal quarantines and instead just talk about states. Many states have their own state-based (often State Department of Agriculture, sometimes Division of Forestry, each state is different) firewood regulations that govern the intra- and/or inter- state movement of hardwood, softwood, or all wood types of firewood. If you are interested in learning more about the regulations that are held by states in your region, consider visiting the Don't Move Firewood Summary Map. Every state is researched and fact checked each year, allowing you to simply click on a state to see what state based regulations they do- or do not- have in place right now.

[Visit the Don't Move Firewood map >>](#)

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In the News

Firewood Fears: Invasive insects kindle crisis at state parks (MI)
 May 10 2018

Will the Quarantine Effort for Spotted Lanternfly Work?
 April 25 2018

Southern California trees under threat from infestation
 April 24 2018

Study shows 95% of wooden pallets are recycled
 March 29 2018

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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