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Cutting down Christmas trees starts next week!

The big push for holiday decorations will be here before you know it. Many families take the weekend after Thanksgiving to cut down a fresh Christmas tree- and given the push to stay outside to visit with family while maintaining COVID-19 safety, this might be a more popular activity than ever before! Good thing the Don't Move Firewood campaign is ready for all the questions you'll get that sounds like "well, if moving firewood is a problem, what about driving somewhere to find the perfect Christmas tree?" Get yourself prepared with solid answers, good graphics, and some ready-made materials on our Holiday Greenery page!

[Visit the Holiday Greenery page >>](#)

Winter Webinars and Virtual Meetings

Here's a few good professional development ideas coming up soon. And remember, we'd LOVE to feature your upcoming firewood and/or forest pest relevant (non-profit, academic, or government) meeting or webinar in an upcoming newsletter.

- **TOMORROW:** The ABCs of Invasive Species Organizations and How They Work Together November 18, 2020
- Responses of non-native species to climatic change and their implications for management (... using larch casebearer in North America as a case study.) December 3, 2020
- Present status and update on the management of emerald ash borer in Canada December 8, 2020

- **Starting in January 2021! Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Emerald Ash Borer Web Series.** Save-the-Dates coming soon- will be held every Thursday afternoon for at least six consecutive weeks, on a variety of regional themes. We will post more information when the series has been published online.

[Tell us about your virtual meeting! >>](#)

Photo of the month: Christmas trees are a regulated commodity, but sometimes pests can slip through the cracks. Gypsy moth, spotted lanternfly, and pine shoot beetle can all be accidentally transported in/on cut Christmas trees. Outreach on buying from reputable tree farms and businesses, as well as disposing of trees properly, can prevent the movement of forest pests. <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/holidaygreenery/>

Infestations and Regulations

Map Quiz: Black Ash

It is easy to default to thinking about green ash when considering the impacts of emerald ash borer, but as the affected region expands across the US and Canada, black ash is going to see increasing impacts on ecosystems, forestry, and culture. For a good read on traditional black ash basketry, please read this recent article, "[A Silent Killer: Black Ash Basket Makers are Battling a Voracious Beetle to Keep Their Heritage Alive.](#)" And for your map quiz- which body of water is closer to the northern edge of the range of black ash; Lake Huron, or Hudson Bay? And for extra credit: is the answer different for green ash?

[Range of black ash >>](#)
[Range of green ash>>](#)

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In the News

200 'murder hornet' queens found inside first US nest of this invasive insect

Nov. 13 2020

USDA removing more than 3,100 trees in Charleston Co. to eradicate Asian longhorned beetle

Nov. 9 2020

Spotted lanternfly spotted in Fall Creek, Ithaca, New York

Nov. 6 2020

Don't move firewood when camping, NYDEC warns

Oct. 2 2020

Share firewood news tips

We closely review, and then revise, the Don't Move Firewood rules and recommendations map at least once a year (typically we do a big review each winter). The accuracy of our annual review is hugely helped when state, local, tribal, and federal folks take a look at the states they work in (or reside in) and see if any materials are out of date or otherwise in need of editing. Help us help you! Take a look at your state and send us any revisions you'd like to see!

[Visit the map today >>](#)

Input from our readers is vital to the success of this newsletter — and to the mission it serves. Have you heard (or done) something that you think we and other readers should hear about? Please tell us about it!

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