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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month! (IPPDAM)

Spring is gearing up - if not in full bloom - in North America and many families are taking advantage of the warmer weather by getting outside or at least planning their summer and fall outdoor excursions. Many invasive pests are emerging from their winter slumber as well, so take advantage of the timing and put out your finest invasive pest and disease outreach to increase awareness and reduce invasive species spread! Remember - we have an extensive collection of online tools and graphics in our resource library for ideas, or you can use the Hungry Pests Partner Toolkits for IPPDAM specific outreach.

[See Firewood resource library for inspiration >>](#)
[Visit the IPPDAM resources with USDA APHIS >>](#)

SAF Updates National Position Statement on Invasive Species

A renewed emphasis on the prevention and management of invasive species is the focus of the latest revision of the Invasive Species and Forests Position Statement put out by the Society of American Foresters. Background to the statement provides insight into the growing body of research reflecting the economic and ecological impact of invasive species as well as the importance of proactive, cooperative prevention and early detection. Check it out and share with your colleagues!

[See the SAF news release here >>](#)
[Read the Invasive Species and Forests Position Statement here >>](#)

Last call for Firewood Regulations and Outreach updates!

We are putting the final touches on the annual review of the formidable Firewood Comparison Report which delves into the regulations, certifications, and recommendations of firewood across the entire United States. It's your one-stop-shop for all things firewood and forest pests of firewood - so if you know of any new or pending regulations PLEASE let us know so we can accurately reflect those updates in the new issue.

[Find the Firewood Comparison Report and archived webinars here >>](#)

Photo of the Month: A weathered pile of firewood sitting outside in spring. Many tree-killing insects can survive overwinter in firewood to emerge in springtime. Photo credit: Laurel Downs, The Nature Conservancy

Infestations and Regulations

Emerald ash borer found in Moorhead, Minnesota

Emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed just 2 miles from the border of North Dakota - a state with more than 90 million ash trees in forests and where ash makes up 20-80% of urban trees. North Dakota Department of Agriculture does maintain a [quarantine](#) on EAB. NOT moving firewood in this region is more important than ever to slow the spread of this highly destructive pest.

[Click here for the news release by NDDA >>](#)

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team

Rescheduled: New Date is April 6th

It's a busy time of year for invasive species awareness. The last full week of February this year was National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW); International Day of Forests is March 21, and Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month is April. Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week and PlayCleanGo Week are right around the corner as well!

Here at Don't Move Firewood, we thought it'd be great time to reach out with one of our popular Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team webinars! We'll discuss our education and outreach efforts- what the campaign does, why it's important, how you can access our many resources. Learn what we've got to offer both the everyday firewood user as well as professionals in the field of forest health. It's a great way for new staff to get oriented if you've had any recent outreach or forest health hires at your organization.

Join us, April 6th from 1-2pm Eastern; let's talk firewood!

[Click here to register for the webinar >>](#)

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In the News

New emergency order area announced as invasive emerald ash borer continues spread into central Maine

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CANADA: Scientists and policy experts work to stop spread of invasive species

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(New York) Officials monitor beech leaf disease cases

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Modeling study shows how bark beetle infestations affect wildfires

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Pennsylvania finds widespread problems with invasive species and aims to tackle them

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Forests reduce health risks, new global report confirms

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Mapping California's 'Zombie' Forests

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Firewood theft: The forests where trees are going missing

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(MICHIGAN) State awards \$3.6 million for invasive species projects

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Firewood banks expand access to affordable home heating for tribes

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**Icelandic birch forests threatened
by imported pests**

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**Fungi that causes pine ghost
canker detected in southern
California trees: Pathogen native to
US, but had not infected pines until
recently**

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Share firewood news tips

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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