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FOCI Newsletter

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative

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Now Available: New Version of the Firewood Comparison Report

It's here, the latest and greatest version of our hefty report on firewood regulations, certifications, and outreach in the United States. Many firewood-relevant regulatory changes have happened between 2021 and today. To keep track of these changes and more, the team at Don't Move Firewood works hard to find and compile all the details on regulation and online outreach environments across the USA. As always, if you see something is amiss or know of an upcoming change, please [let us know!](#)

[Find the April 2023 version here >>](#)

Save the Dates! Don't Move Firewood to Host EAB Awareness Webinars

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (May 22-28 2023) is right around the corner and the Don't Move Firewood team is gearing up with fresh outreach ideas for this notorious firewood hitchhiker - including webinars! Be on the lookout and make sure to attend at least one of these events on May 24th and/or May 25th. Want to speak or share important EAB research or updates from your region? Reach out to the [Don't Move Firewood coordinator, Laurel!](#)

[Get ready - archived EAB toolkit here >>](#)

PlayCleanGo Week in June

Mark your calendars: June 3-10, 2023 will be PlayCleanGo week, hosted by the North American Invasive Species Management Association. Here at Don't Move Firewood, we promote the PlayCleanGo message alongside our firewood-specific messaging in order to educate the broadest possible audience of outdoor enthusiasts.

[Plan ahead to PlayCleanGo Week >>](#)

Photo of the Month: Sometimes the public must bring along firewood if they want a campfire- and it's our job to encourage them to make safer choices about what type of firewood to bring! The Firewood Comparison Report is designed to help professionals understand the many outreach and regulation models out there- and a [new and updated version of the report is available now](#). Photo credit: L. Greenwood

Infestations and Regulations

Emerald ash borer spreading in Quebec

From the news release Emerald ash borer has been found in the Regional County Municipality of Avignon, in the Gaspésie area of Quebec, in July 2022. As a result, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will continue to regulate the area with notices of prohibition of movement including regulated articles such ash material and all species of firewood. ... The CFIA plans to consult with federal, provincial, municipal and First Nations partners and other organizations in the near future on options to manage emerald ash borer in eastern Canada.

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

Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Missed the webinar - no worries!

Recording Available of "Meet the Don't Move Firewood Team" Webinar

It's a busy time of year for invasive species awareness and thus a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the education, outreach, and services provided by the Don't Move Firewood campaign. We recently had a webinar to discuss what the campaign does, why it's important, and 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.

The recording is now posted to YouTube and the slides are available in PDF format.

[Click here to access the recording and PPT slides >>](#)

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In the News

From beech leaf disease to browntail moths, Maine's forests face a multitude of threats
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Scientists Along the East Coast Face Challenges in Spotted Lanternfly Research
4/21/2023

Invasive species costs shouldered by municipal taxpayers: Ontario report
4/11/2023

Beech leaf disease is killing Rhode Island's American beeches, experts say
4/10/2023

Vigilance urged to prevent Dutch Elm Disease in (Alberta, Canada) city
4/8/2023

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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