

# BUY LOCAL BURN LOCAL



DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD – Transporting firewood long distances puts our forests at risk



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## **Why should you not move firewood?**

Tree-killing insects, such as gypsy moth and Asian longhorned beetle, as well as diseases can lurk in or on firewood. These insects and diseases can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood, they can jump hundreds of kilometers. New infestations destroy our forests, property values, and cost huge sums of money to control.

## **Where should you source your firewood?**

- Firewood from suppliers of **locally harvested** wood is generally safe to use in parks. There is no hard number to define 'local' as this can vary in different regions, but generally, sourcing firewood within 80 km of the burn site or closer is best.
- Firewood that is **heat-treated** to Canadian Food Inspection Agency standards is safe to transport to new areas and into parks as it is pest-free.
- It is illegal to collect or harvest wood from within a provincial park.

## **Is this a BC Parks initiative?**

Yes, and there are many agencies in Canada and the United States that are trying to raise awareness about issues related to moving firewood, including the Invasive Species Council of BC, Parks Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canadian Council on Invasive Species, and more.

**BC Parks is promoting awareness of risks of forest pests and prevention of the spread of invasive species for the protection of our natural areas.**

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