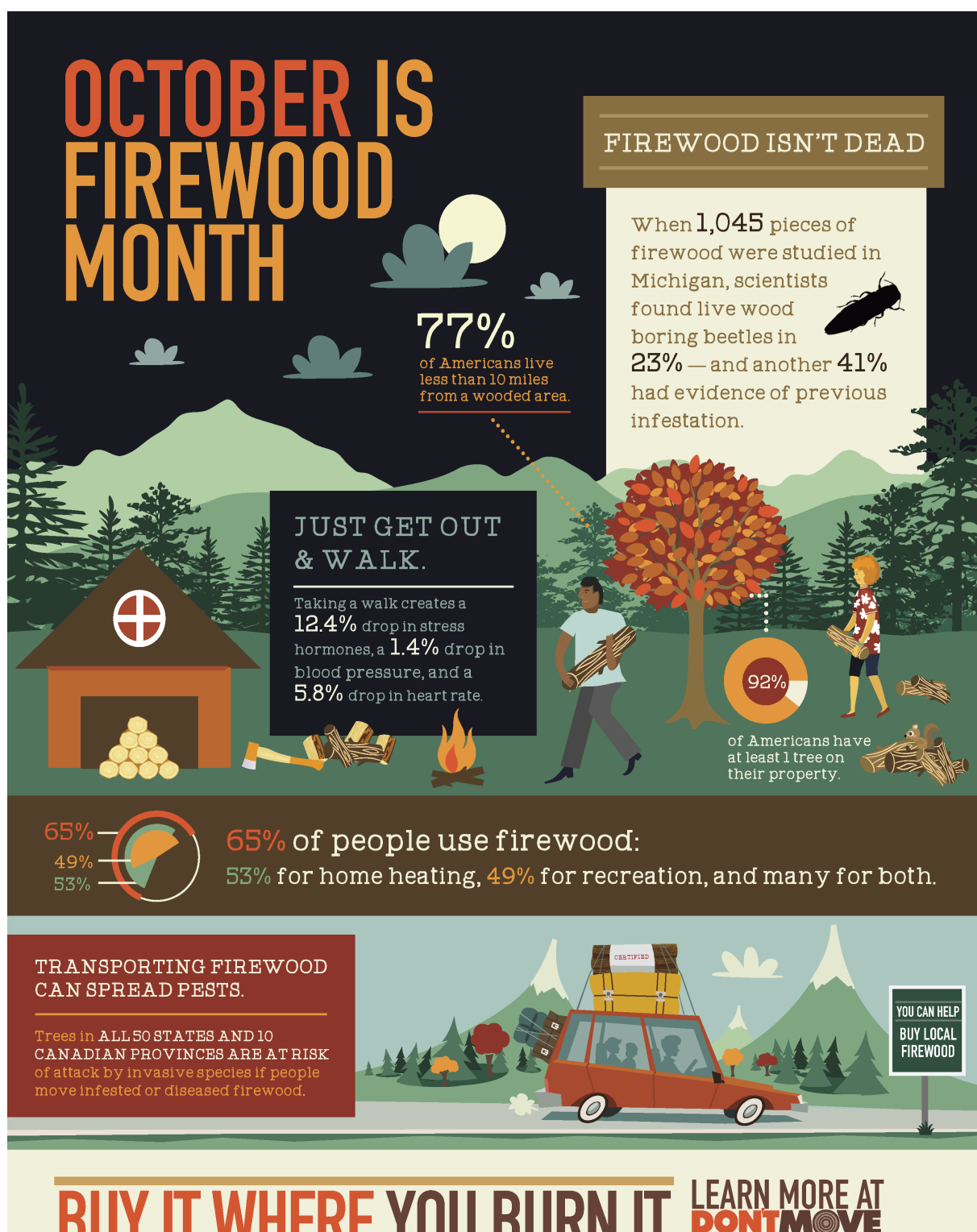


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Firewood Month is Now!

It's officially October which means it's **FIREWOOD MONTH!** As many folks head outdoors to relish in the cooler weather, a lot of people are using firewood - some for recreation and some for heating their homes. As such, it's the perfect time to enhance outreach efforts to encourage best firewood practices and protect forest health. We welcome all those who wish to help in this effort to reduce the spread of pests and pathogens via the firewood pathway!

Each week in October has a different theme, making educational messages tailored to the different audiences that use firewood. [Learn more about Firewood Month here](#) and feel free to **download our free toolkit** if you're looking for an easy way to schedule out messages and/or graphics promoting responsible firewood practices! We welcome any participation throughout the month of October to raise awareness on the firewood pathway, however if you'd like to mix it up with us throughout the month, the weekly themes this year are as follows:

Week 1 (Oct 1 - 11): General Information, webinar promotion, and press releases. This week overlaps with National [Fire Prevention Week](#), so we'll do cross-promotion with general fire safety as well.

Week 2 (Oct 12 - 18): Reach out to fall recreationists - especially groups like campers, hunters, anglers, and RV owners.

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firewood plays as a forest product. This overlaps with [National Forest Products Week](#) in the USA.

Week 4 (Oct 26 - 31): Craft your messages to those who use firewood as fuel for heating their homes or cabins.

[Visit Firewood Month Page & Toolkit >>](#)

Register for our Webinars!

Interested in learning more about the firewood pathway? The human behavior and firewood characteristics at play? How firewood practices relate to wildfire issues? Maybe you just want an update on the situation with emerald ash borer in the Pacific Northwest. We've got you. [Learn more about this year's webinar series here](#) or see below for the registration links for THREE excellent presentations lined up this month! Tell your sister, tell your friend - let's talk firewood!

Thursday, October 16th 2pm-3pm EST

Beyond Wooden Thinking: Getting to the Heartwood of the Matter

This talk will focus on human behavior and firewood characteristics.

Presentation by John Riggins, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in Forest Health at Oregon State University

[Register HERE >>](#)

Tuesday, October 28th 4pm-5pm EST

Wildfire Fuel: How Destructive Forest Pests Travel in Firewood

This talk will focus on goldspotted oak borer in Southern California.

Presentation by Joeline Tamm, Natural Resources Director for the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

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Wednesday, October 29th 1pm-2pm EST

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Northwest

This talk will focus on recent infestation and quarantine updates across Oregon and Washington.

Presentation by Wyatt Williams and others from the Oregon Dept. of Forestry and Maria Marlin from the Washington Invasive Species Council

[Register HERE >>](#)

Other Relevant Webinars this Fall

October 8th 2pm-3pm EST

[Polyphagous shot hole borer: Applying California's lessons to support management efforts in western Australia](#)

NAISMA

October 30th 9am-10am EST

["Hold the invasives, please!" Certified Invasive-free products are coming to Michigan](#)

MI EGLE

November 12th 9am-10am EST

[Holiday hitchhikers: Unpacking pests in Christmas trees](#)

MI EGLE

November 19th 2pm-3:30pm

[Harnessing AI for invasive species detection: smart traps, drones, and machine learning in action](#)

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Photo of gold spotted oak borer ([Agrilus auroguttatus](#)) by Mike Lewis, Center for Invasive Species Research, [Bugwood.org](#)

Learn About Forest Pests on DMF Website

Many come to the Don't Move Firewood website to learn more about the firewood pathway, but did you know we have in-depth information on the pests themselves? Former TNC employee, and now an outstanding volunteer, Faith Campbell takes her passion for forest health to the next level by diligently researching and writing about the histories and current statuses of many species that harm trees. Use the search bar or peruse the litany of profiles under the "Invasive Species" tab on our website.

[Forest Pest and Pathogens Profiles >>](#)

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Regulation Area Expanded in Ontario

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has expanded the regulation area for hemlock woolly adelgid to include the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Haldimand County, the City of Hamilton, and the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand following new

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woodchips.

[See here for more details from CFIA >>](#)

Think Ahead for Holiday Greenery Outreach

Time flies. It's pumpkins and costumes now, but you know you'll be seeing Christmas decor in the stores any minute - if you aren't already! Keep one step ahead and start prepping your holiday greenery outreach now. We love the real thing - Christmas trees, wreathes, and other piney greenery, but they can come with a risk! Check our [Holiday Greenery](#) page for tips and outreach ideas to protect against spreading hitchhikers this holiday season!

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Forest Pests In the News

[DNR encourages the public to source local firewood this fall](#)

WI Dept. of Natural Resources, September 25 2025

[Invasive species are draining Canada's economy; here's what you can do to help](#)

The Weather Network, September 23 2025

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Woodworking Industry News, September 22 2025

[State scientists are planting thousands of Oregon ash trees in invasive beetle territory, hoping to find rare natural resistance](#)

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