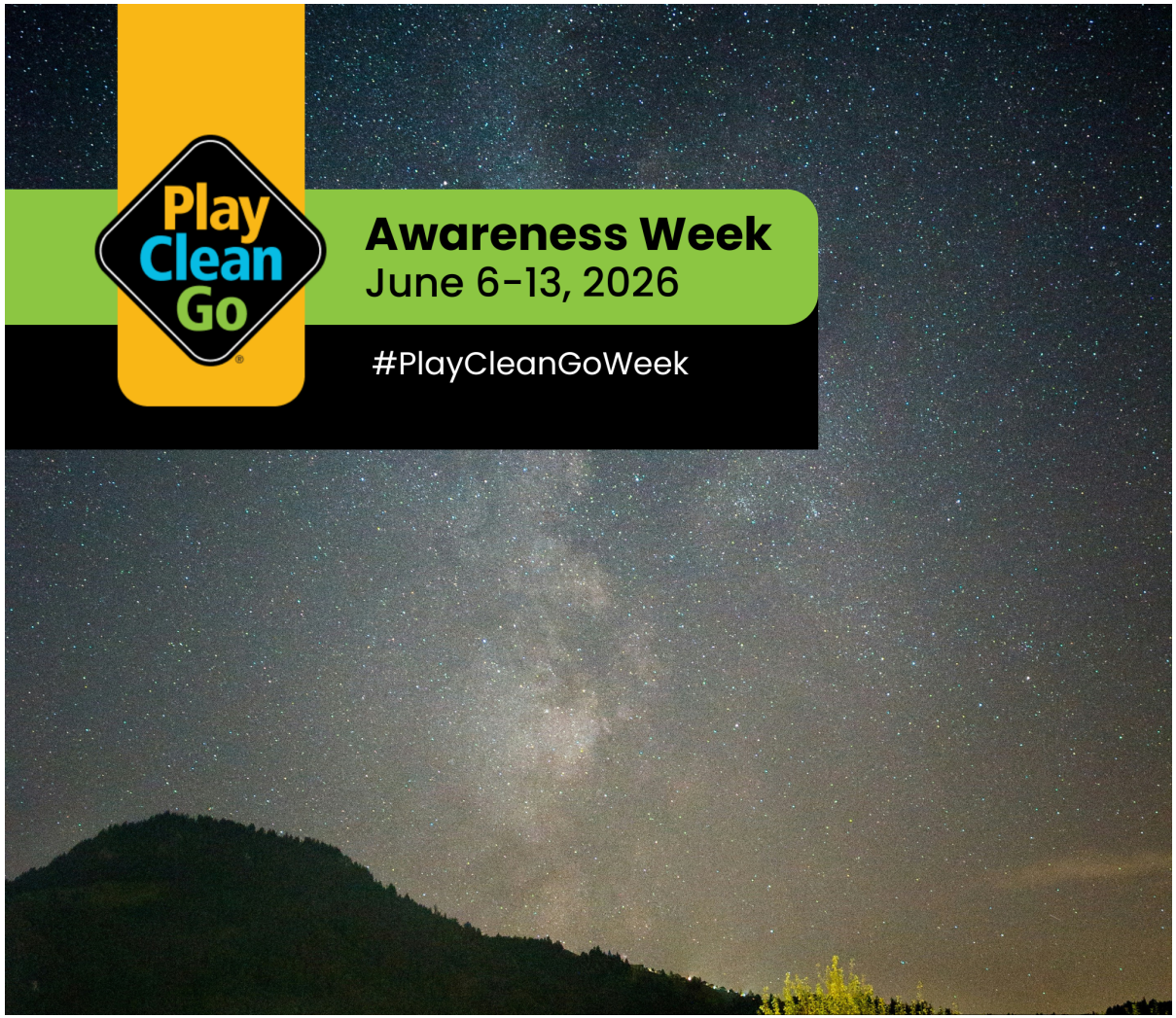
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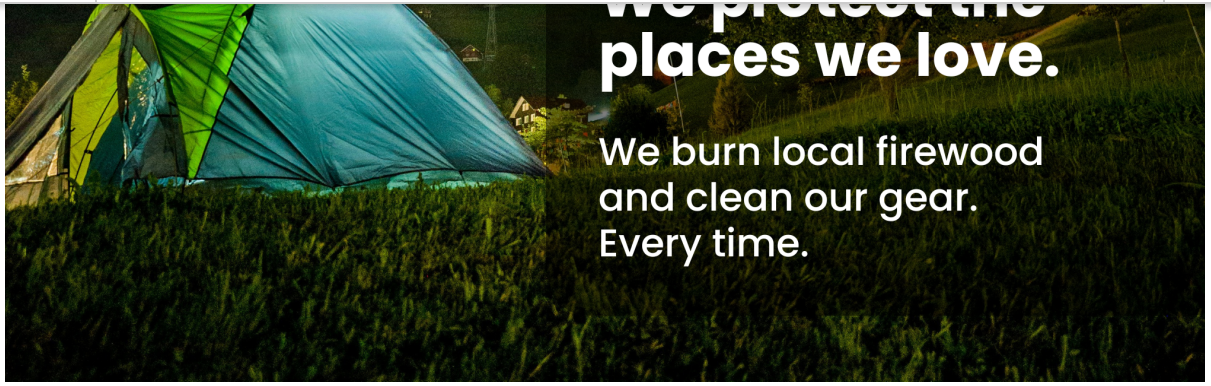


Photo of tent under starry night sky; graphic by PlayCleanGo (NAISMA) Outreach Toolkit

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THIS WEEK is PlayCleanGo Awareness Week!

The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) presents the outreach initiative of PlayCleanGo Awareness Week every June! This year it

species prevention and encourage simple actions that protect the places we love. This year's theme, **"We protect the places we love,"** highlights the shared responsibility we all have in protecting trails, parks, waterways, forests, and natural areas through collective action and outreach. Learn more about PlayCleanGo here, and check out the resources below for how you can get involved!

PlayCleanGo Partner Toolkit >>
PlayCleanGo Photo Contest >>
NAISMA Events Calendar >>

DMF at the Firewood Expo!



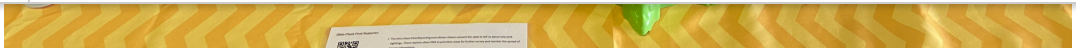


Photo of DMF staff tabling at the International Firewood Expo in Cortland, OH on June 5-6, 2026

Don’t Move Firewood had a table at the International Firewood Expo last week in Cortland, OH. It was a great experience, and we thank everyone who came out to say hi and hear us nerd out over the invasive forest pests that can move around on firewood. There was a lot of interest from vendors and attendees alike—and quite a few kiddos walked away with bug tattoos! If you know of a large firewood or invasive forest pest-themed event that DMF should consider attending in the future, let us know!





Screen shot photo taken of Montana DNRC social media video depicting EAB enjoying various visitor activities in Montana. Note, EAB is NOT yet found in Montana; let's keep it that way!

Our EAB Costume in Action

You may know we have outreach material available for request in bulk, but did you know we have an AWESOME emerald ash borer costume available for your outreach needs as well? The process to borrow the costume is simple, you tell us when you need it, we ship it to you for free, you ship it back to us, or to the next person in need, when you're done (this part will entail mailing cost). See the social media video here

Email us here for interest or questions about borrowing the EAB costume >>

Thanks for a great EAB Week!

In honor of Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (the week prior to Memorial Day, each May) the Don't Move Firewood team hosted three incredibly informative webinars with over 160 live attendees! We heard from the experts on ash resistance breeding, outreach efforts in the Pacific Northwest, and efforts to biodiversify urban forestry in MN. Missed the live webinars? No worries - each webinar is now up on our YouTube channel!

Access the presentations and recordings here >>





An adult spongy moth (Lymantria dispar) atop a leafy green. Photo by Susan Ellis, Bugwood.org

National Moth Week Next Month

National Moth Week is July 18-26 this year which means there's plenty of time to plan for some fluttering cool outreach! This event celebrates the beauty, diversity, and ecological importance of moths. It's also a great opportunity to shed light on some of the ones we consider damaging in North America. This of course includes the notorious spongy moth, but others may call for a shout out too, like winter moth and browntailed moth. Since it's us humans that drive the spread of these pests and others, consider bringing the message home by empowering folks to use best practices when it comes to activities like camping, landscaping, and gardening!

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Recent Forest Pest Publications

Local dispersal and growth in an island population of *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) in South Carolina
Environmental Entomology, May 26, 2026

Ash population dynamics after two decades of emerald ash borer infestations in Canada
Canadian Journal of Forest Research, May 15, 2026

Forest Pests In the News

Texas A&M Forest Service detects emerald ash borer in three additional counties
Agrilife Today, June 5, 2026

Emerald ash borer quarantine expanding in Kandiyohi County, MN
MN Dept. of Agriculture, June 2, 2026

MDARD and DNR Remind Michiganders to Use Safe Firewood Practices During Camping Season
Agriculture and Rural Development, May 19, 2026

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