November 2026 Firewood & Forest Pests Newsletter



Graphic of various firewood photos and information on the Firewood Comparison Report published by Don't Move Firewood. A one-stop-shop for all regulations pertaining to firewood in the USA.

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Updated Firewood Comparison Report Available Now

In the United States, many state-based firewood-relevant regulations and certification capabilities have changed significantly in the recent years- especially as pest conditions change, and regulations and outreach change with them. As a result of this dynamic situation, the team at Don't Move Firewood maintains a comprehensive research and synthesis report of firewood regulations, certification, and a standardized sample of outreach statuses in the US, with the goal to provide simple and accurate professional comparative summaries for each major topic area. We update this information every 1-2 years to reflect current shifts in both regulation and outreach. The latest version is available now! **THANK YOU to our many, many fact checking and situation reporting partners around the country- we could not do this without you**.

>> Firewood Comparison Report

Thanks for a Great Firewood Month!

Thanks so much to all of you who participated in Firewood Month, sharing information and spreading awareness on the importance of using firewood locally. We saw many awesome news articles, blogs, graphics, newsletter posts, and social media posts. Your help goes a long way in reducing the spread of invasive forest pests! We also had a good turnout for our webinar series. If you missed a live webinar you were interested in, recordings and PPT slides are available via the webpage linked below.

>>See here for Firewood Month 2026 Webinar recording links

EAB Webinar this Thursday



This **Thursday, November 12 at 1:00 PM PST**, join the NW RISCC Network for a timely webinar on emerald ash borer (EAB), one of the most significant threats to ash trees in the Northwest. Learn about new research on how EAB is expected to spread under current and future climate conditions from Lauren Walker (University of Oregon), and hear from Max Ragozzino (Oregon Department of Agriculture) about Oregon's EAB biocontrol program and efforts to protect vulnerable ash resources.

>>Learn more and register here

Forest Mortality Trends Webinar Series

Join forest health experts, researchers, and land managers for a five-part webinar series exploring the drivers, impacts, and management of forest mortality across the United States. Designed for all land managers, this US Forest Service led series provides big-picture perspectives on emerging forest health challenges, including insects, disease, drought, wildfire, and climate change, while highlighting practical approaches to building resilient forests. **Webinars run November 16-20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MST**, will be recorded, and offer Society of American Foresters continuing education credits!

>> Learn more and register for individual webinars

Holiday Greenery Outreach

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Decorations May Contain Forest Pests

You've seen it, holiday decor is already overtaking store shelves…which means it's time to think holiday greenery outreach for those planning to decorate with fresh greenery this holiday season! Real Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands can harbor insects or plant pathogens, but a few simple precautions can help reduce the risk of spreading forest pests. We have practical tips to promote for this time of year: Cut your own tree from a nearby forest (with the appropriate permit) or visit a local Christmas tree farm, purchase pre-cut trees and greenery from established local businesses, and buy online only from reputable vendors that you are confident would comply with quarantine regulations. By choosing local and trusted sources, we can

Visit the DMF Holiday Greenery page for more information and outreach tips >>

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Recent Forest Pest Publications

Current advances in chemical ecology-based management tactics for the spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (Hemiptura: Fulgoridae)
Journal of Insect Science, November 5, 2026

Primary and secondary invasion pathways: why the distinction matters *Biological Invasions October 30 2026*

Quantitative assessment of the impact of *Lymantria dispar* larvae on forest-floor light environments: distribution patterns on host tree species and UAV-LiDAR analysis
Journal of Forest Research, October 29, 2026

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Forest Pests In the News

Forest resilience must be at the heart of the UN Decade for Afforestation and Reforestation, says UNECE

UNECE, November 6, 2026

Untreated firewood from outside Michigan no longer allowed beginning in 2027

Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, October 27, 2026

The Good Bugs That Control Invasive Pests (Part 2)

UC Small Farms Network Blog, October 23, 2026

Pests in the Urban Landscape

University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources, October 12, 2026

A New Tree Pest Could Be Catching a Ride on Your Car

VTdigger, October 12, 2026

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