

Invasive tree-killing pests can hitchhike in your firewood.

BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT.



Why is moving firewood such a bad idea?

Firewood can carry invasive insects and diseases that can kill native trees. New infestations of these insects and diseases can destroy our forests, decrease property values, and cost a great deal to monitor, manage, and control.

Why are these non-native insects and diseases causing a problem?

Non-native insects and diseases have few (if any) predators, and the native trees have few natural defenses against them. Invasive insects and diseases reproduce quickly and can kill our native trees. The emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle are two such pests that we are concerned about in New England.

My firewood has no bugs, holes, burrows, sawdust, or other weird looking stuff on it. Is it OK to transport it?

No. Tiny insect eggs, or microscopic fungus spores, can elude even experts. These tiny threats are enough to disrupt an entire ecosystem. **Never assume wood that “looks safe” is safe to move.**

Are there regulations about moving firewood into Vermont?

There are federal restrictions on moving untreated firewood into Vermont from Canada, and from areas in the United States under quarantine due to emerald ash borer or Asian longhorned beetle. This currently includes firewood from Massachusetts and Connecticut, parts of New Hampshire and New

York, and all or part of at least twenty other states. Visitors to Vermont State Parks, State Forests, and the Green Mountain National Forest may only bring firewood from out-of-state if it is kiln dried. Vermont state rules are likely to go into effect by 2016 that would ban most untreated firewood from outside of Vermont.

Where can I get firewood?

Contact your campground to find out if firewood is available or ask for a list of local firewood vendors. If the firewood wasn't harvested nearby, make sure the bundle is labeled with a USDA seal or other certification that it was heat treated. Burn any unpackaged firewood at the campsite; don't take any with you to your next destination.

Where can I find more information?

For more information about tree pests and Vermont specific firewood regulations, go to vtinvasives.org.

For more information about the national campaign, go to dontmovefirewood.org.

What can I do to reduce the chances of moving invasive species in firewood?

- Leave firewood at home, do not transport it to campgrounds or parks.
- Ask your campground how you can get locally harvested firewood.
- Be aware of firewood regulations.
- Tell your friends not to move firewood.

