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Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative



Outreach and Updates



Take our 10-question survey to help us improve this newsletter

With nearly two years of newsletters under our belts, it is high time to get some community feedback on how we are doing. Please take our fast 10-question newsletter survey RIGHT NOW to allow us to gather information on the effectiveness of our efforts. If everyone that received this newsletter took the survey today, we'd have well over 400 responses to interpret! Results will be tabulated and posted in the November 2014 newsletter.

Take the Survey »

Upcoming webinar will discuss Firewood Movement and Human Behavior

Two University of Maine researchers, Dr. Jessica Leahy and Dr. Crista Straub, will be sharing their research results via a webinar on Friday, October 17, 2pm EST. Three topics will be covered;

- Firewood Movement Behavior Survey,
- Northern New England Homeowner Survey, and
- Forest Pest Outreach and Survey Project Volunteer & Outreach Impact Evaluation.

Sign in to the webinar on Oct 17th at 2pm EST » Future home of the webinar recording »

Many thanks to Karen Coluzzi, State Pest Survey Coordinator for the Division of Animal and Plant Health, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, for authoring this update.

No Newsletter Planned for December 2014

The Firewood Professionals Newsletter is currently issued 10 months out of the year, skipping December and June. Please submit your noteworthy updates and ideas for topics pertaining to both November and December by October 29th to ensure they make it into the November 19th newsletter.

Email us with your update >>

Want to see what other states are doing? Visit www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources.

Infestations and Regulations



Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs, coming to a poorly sealed attic near you

You might not think of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug as a pest of significant concern, but this fairly new agriculturally damaging pest can create an enormous nuisance for homeowners, too. This is the time of year with the BMSB shelters in warm homes, sometimes in numbers exceeding

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In The News

10/10/14

Emerald ash borer may have spread to a different tree

9/29/14

tens of thousands of individual insects. When not invading homes for warmth, BMSB naturally overwinters in tree bark crevices, meaning that it has high potential to be a firewood vectored invasive insect.

Learn More »

Don't Move Firewood Campaign



Halloween Masks in new COLORED versions!

Due to popular demand, we are re-releasing our 2013 series of Halloween masks in another version... pre-colored in! You'll be able to print one in color as an example for your classroom, or print lots for use in quick ecological role playing. Whatever the occasion, these new colored masks are designed to fill in a new niche in the invasive forest insect mask ecosystem.

See all the original 2013 Masks Here »

Due to an unforeseen technical glitch, our new colored masks won't be available on our website until October 22nd. You will be able to find them at that time on www.dontmovefirewood.org/resources, or email Leigh today at LGreenwood@tnc.org to have her email you the colored-in PDF versions.

Annual Planning for Forest Health Outreach

Planning your upcoming years' worth of special events, press releases, and more? We've made a simple list of pertinent forest and tree related annual events that you can use to find good "hooks" for firewood outreach.

See the listing here »

Once Considered Won. Battle Against Invasive Beetles Is Renewed (Asian longhorned beetle)

9/22/14

Nature Conservancy spreads safe firewood message (Tennessee)

9/15/14

'Femme fatale' emerald ash borer decoy lures, kills males

9/13/14

State claims progress in fight against giant snails (Florida)

Submit Your Story

This is the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative newsletter, designed to share information about firewood and invasive forest pests. Do you have a story you want us to include in a future newsletter? Submit your story of 120 words or less.

Submit Your Story

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