

HELP STOP INVASIVE PESTS DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD



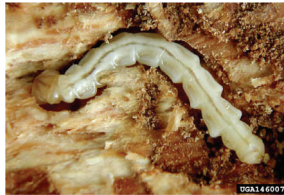
The forests in Pennsylvania are threatened by invasive nonnative species of insects that are killing large numbers of trees. The most recent import is the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. By transporting firewood, you may unknowingly be introducing these insects and their larvae to otherwise unaffected areas. Once established, thousands of trees can be killed in a short amount of time. Only 5 short years ago, they were discovered in a limited area of Michigan and Canada. We must **STOP THE SPREAD** of these insects and protect our forests.

Effective December 31, 2009, the State of Pennsylvania has mandated that no firewood may be imported into the state. Persons found in violation of this quarantine face a fine of not more than \$300 per occurrence and up to \$20,000 in civil penalties, or both.

RULES REGARDING FIREWOOD AT PA DUTCH COUNCIL CAMPS:

- 1. Do Not Bring any firewood with you to camp. This also includes wood used for construction of gateways and other projects.**
- 2. Clean Scrap Lumber (free of paint, stain & fasteners) may be burned outdoors.**
- 3. Pre-Cut, Split, and Seasoned wood is provided for your use in cabins.**
- 4. There is an ample supply of firewood in camp for campsites. You must be prepared to gather it and cut it for your use.**
- 5. Chainsaws may only be used by those with proper training and with permission of Ranger.**

Thank You !



Underneath the bark, the larvae feed and create "S" shaped tunnels which cut off the flow of water and nutrients to the tree, eventually weakening or killing it.

Here is evidence of an injured tree that has been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. Notice the new growth coming from the base of the tree which indicates nutrients are unable to get up to the branches and leaves.



Once the larvae fully develop, they emerge through a "D" shaped hole in the trunk of the tree. This encourages other insects and birds like Woodpeckers to further attack, damage, and eventually kill the tree.

The Emerald Ash Borer Beetle once emerged will then feed on the leaves, and lay its larvae in the bark, thus starting another life cycle. By stopping the transporting of firewood, the beetles and their larvae cannot spread as easily.



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