

# Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

## Local Actions to Avoid EAB Introduction via Firewood

The state of Wisconsin now restricts the movement of firewood onto state owned land. However, **local** laws concerning firewood movement are not known to exist in Wisconsin at this time (December 2006). This may be due to the difficulty of enforcing such ordinances.

A number of municipalities do however have Dutch elm disease and/or firewood storage ordinances that partially address the problem of pest introduction via firewood. The last bulleted item below lists many municipal on-line codes for Wisconsin communities that address this. You may also be able to access similar codes by reviewing the municipalities own website.

Even without a local firewood ordinance or other formal policy, municipalities can take action to reduce the likelihood of introducing EAB into the community via firewood:

- Review the materials in the **Other Resources** (section 11) area of this toolkit. Consider making copies available in public locations such as libraries, schools and park facilities. Mail firewood educational materials to residents prior to peak camping weekends or include in a tax bill mailing.
- Display EAB firewood posters in campgrounds and where firewood is sold, such as gas stations and other stores. Distribute to local media the firewood press release “Help Stop the Spread of Emerald Ash Borer – Leave Firewood at Home,” found in the **Communication** (section 9) area of the toolkit.
- Inform local firewood sources about how to spot EAB and about the risk of moving wood. Local suppliers include stores, gas stations, firewood vendors and arborists who sell tree debris as firewood.
- Contact hosts of public events (e.g., music festivals) where large quantities of firewood are brought in from outside the community. Communicate the importance of burning any leftover firewood after the event is finished.
- Stay informed about DATCP’s approval system, scheduled for completion by the end of 2007. If your community is quarantined because of EAB, the approval system would allow parties with a compliance agreement to move firewood out of the area. Contact Bob Dahl of DATCP ([Robert.Dahl@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:Robert.Dahl@datcp.state.wi.us); 608-224-4973) for more information on compliance agreements.
- Municipal Code Corporation – [www.municode.com/resources/code\\_list.asp?stateID=49](http://www.municode.com/resources/code_list.asp?stateID=49)  
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