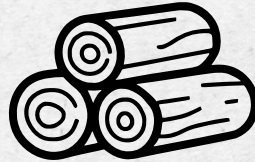


# FIREWOOD AND FOREST PESTS

## KEEP FIREWOOD LOCAL

### TAKE THESE STEPS TO PROTECT TREES FROM FOREST PESTS

Tree-killing insects and diseases can lurk in or on firewood. These pests can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood they can jump hundreds of miles. New infestations destroy our forests, property values, and cost huge sums of money to control.



### LEARN LOCAL RULES AND BEST PRACTICES

- Many states have rules, regulations, and quarantines that state how far is too far to move firewood. Always learn the local rules and regulations before transporting firewood.
- This **Firewood Map** can help you figure out how far is too far in your area.

### UNDERSTAND FIREWOOD AND FOREST PESTS

- Firewood is destined to be burned, so it might seem like forest pests would not survive. Unfortunately, firewood still poses a high risk to forest health because of fungal spores that fall from wood, egg masses that hatch before use, and insects that emerge from the bark.
- Simple steps, like seasoning the wood in a covered shed for two summers before transporting it, can provide huge benefits to both the firewood user- and to forest health by greatly reducing the risk of transporting non-native forest pests and pathogens in cordwood.
- Different parts of the country have different forest pest concerns and risks. Learn your area's specific situation by visiting the [Don't Move Firewood Map](#)



### HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR FIREWOOD AND FOREST PESTS

- Don't Move Firewood: includes outreach materials and contains a map of rules, regulations, and best practices for all 50 states: [Dontmovefirewood.org/map](http://Dontmovefirewood.org/map)
- National Plant Board Firewood Working Group Guidelines: includes scientific, regulatory, and best management practices for firewood producers. [firewood.nationalplantboard.org](http://firewood.nationalplantboard.org)