

Answers to Common Firewood Questions February 2011

What is a quarantine?

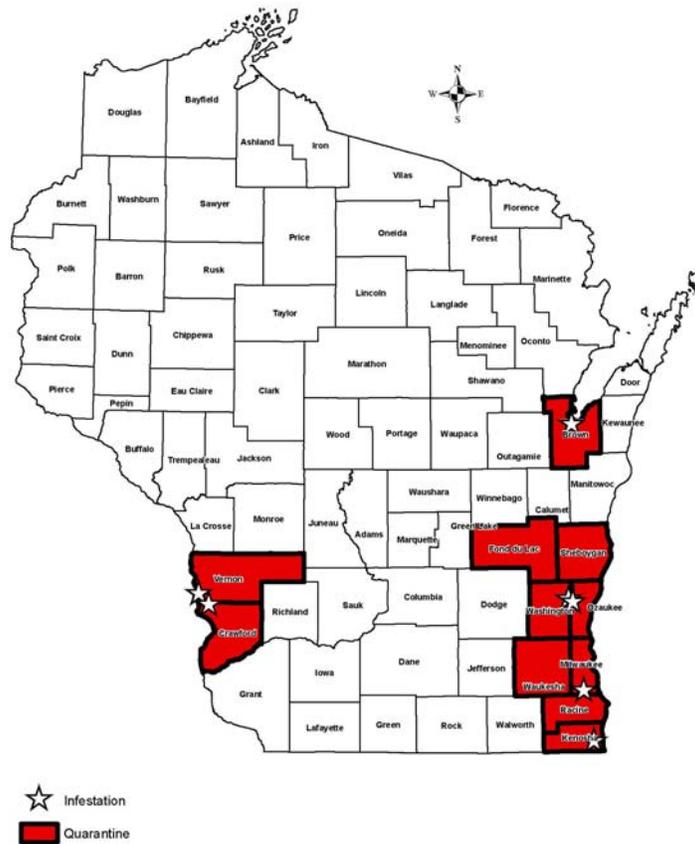
A legal restriction that prohibits the movement of articles that could spread a pest such as emerald ash borer.

Which counties are currently quarantined for emerald ash borer?

Counties in red on the map (Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington and Waukesha Counties). Hardwood firewood may not leave a 'red' area unless the wood has been treated and certified by the Wis. Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (available for businesses only).

DNR Wardens and other officials can issue citations for violations of firewood quarantines. State and federal fines up to \$1,000 apply.

EAB Quarantine Counties & Approximate Locations of Infestation
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What firewood is covered by the emerald ash borer quarantine?

Hardwood firewood, including ash, oak, birch, maple, aspen, and beech. Coniferous species such as pine or spruce are not covered by the quarantine and can leave a quarantined area.

Why is all hardwood firewood quarantined?

People often misidentify the species of hardwood firewood, so there is a blanket restriction to limit the spread of firewood that could be carrying pests.

**Can hardwood firewood leave a quarantined county and be taken to a non-quarantined county?
(red to white on the map)**

No, unless the wood is ‘certified’ as stated above.

**Can hardwood firewood leave a quarantined county and be taken to another quarantined county?
(red to red on the map)**

Yes, as long as it stays with a quarantined area and doesn’t leave it. For example, it is permissible to move hardwood firewood from Milwaukee to Sheboygan. The same wood could not be moved to Green Bay because it would leave a quarantined area.

However, we strongly discourage long distance movement even if the wood remains in a quarantined area. This is because of the risk of spreading forest pests.

**Can hardwood firewood come from a non-quarantined county into a quarantined county?
(white to red on the map)**

Yes, but we don’t recommend long distance movement because pests could be transported accidentally.

**Can hardwood firewood move between non-quarantined counties?
(white to white on the map)**

Yes, but we don’t recommend long distance movement because pests could be transported accidentally.

Be aware of gypsy moth quarantines that prohibit firewood movement from the eastern half of Wisconsin to the western counties (visit www.gypsymoth.wi.gov for more details).

**Can I drive hardwood firewood through a quarantined area?
(white through red to white on the map)**

Yes, as long as you don’t stop or only make brief stops.

What about businesses such as firewood dealers, loggers and tree nurseries wanting to move ash products?

They should contact the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Contacts are

- Bob Dahl, 608-224-4573
- Anna Healy, 608-224-4546
- Randy Sthokal, 715-359-3710

What firewood can be brought into a state park or forest?

For most parks and forests, allowable firewood is:

- Purchased or harvested within 25 miles of the campground where the wood will be burned,
- AND harvested in Wisconsin,
- AND NOT purchased, harvested or stored in a quarantined county of Wisconsin.
- Dimensional and untreated lumber scraps, such as 2-by-4s, are allowable.

If the state park or forest campground is in an EAB-quarantined county listed above, firewood will be allowed in if it is from Wisconsin and from within 25 miles. However, campers are strongly encouraged to not move firewood because of the risk of transporting emerald ash borer or another forest pest.

Firewood that is certified by the Wis. Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is exempt from all of the above restrictions. This wood has been treated to prevent the spread of invasive pests.