



KNOW ABOUT: *The Firewood Connection*

A major culprit in spreading EAB and other insect pests is firewood. Larvae and pupae can hide beneath the bark and then escape as adult beetles after being transported many miles. Look at the map (above) of where EAB has been found. How did it hop from one state to another? Many of the places where it was found are parks and campgrounds. People carried EAB with them when they brought infested firewood on a picnic or camping trip.



That means the most important thing you can do to protect Minnesota from the threat of EAB is to avoid moving firewood from one place to another. Don't carry wood from your home to a cabin or campsite. Don't carry wood back home again, either, or leave it for another camper—burn it all.

Bury it where you burn it!

Because of the danger of spreading EAB and other invasive species, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law in 2007 prohibiting visitors from bringing unapproved firewood onto state land. If you want to have a campfire in a state park or state forest, you may only use local, approved wood.

Places with firewood restrictions include:

- Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota
- Chippewa and Superior national forests
- State parks and state forests (all state lands)
- Some county and local campgrounds

To find sources of approved firewood for purchase, see www.mndnr.gov/firewood_vendors/vendors/list.html, check with the state park you plan to visit, or contact the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.

If you would like to become an approved firewood vendor, check out www.mndnr.gov/firewood/faq.html or call your local DNR Forestry office.

