

## Pest Quarantines and How they May Affect Loggers and Timber Sales

### What is a quarantine?

Quarantines are legal tools established and administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in order to prevent destructive forest pests or diseases from spreading outside a known infested area into new areas. Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer are two such pests, and have different quarantine requirements.

### Gypsy moth quarantine

Gypsy moth is currently quarantined in only two counties, Lake and Cook.

Under the quarantine, the following forest products are regulated:

- Gypsy moth in any stage of development (egg, caterpillar, pupa, adult)
- Logs, posts, sawbolts, pulpwood
- Bark and landscaping mulch
- Nursery stock
- Christmas trees, boughs, wreaths and garlands
- Firewood for commercial sale and residential use
- Any other products that are at risk of spreading gypsy moth



Minnesota Department of Agriculture's [gypsy moth quarantine website](#) has detailed information.

Before you move any of these products from Lake or Cook counties, please contact [Arrest the Pest](#) at 888-545-6684 or email [gypsymoth@state.mn.us](mailto:gypsymoth@state.mn.us).

### Emerald ash borer quarantine

Emerald ash borer is currently quarantined in several metro area and southeastern counties and an area in southeastern St. Louis County (see map, right).

Under the quarantine, the following are regulated:

- Emerald ash borer in any stage of development
- Ash trees, ash branches, stumps and roots, ash logs, ash lumber, ash chips, ash bark chips
- Firewood of any hardwood (deciduous) species, cut to lengths less than four feet long



Minnesota Department of Agriculture's [EAB question and answer website](#) has detailed information.

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