

# Please help **SLOW** the **SPREAD** of Emerald Ash Borer: Guidance for Solid Waste Facilities

Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations naturally spread 1-2 miles per year. However, when people move infested ash material (ash wood, branches, stumps, and debris) to uninfested areas, they can spread EAB much farther each year. Follow these guidelines for infested or potentially infested ash material to **slow the spread** of EAB and help protect our trees and forests.

**Are you in the infested area? Visit [VTinvasives.org/eab](http://VTinvasives.org/eab) for a map of the infested area and to sign up for updates on new EAB infestations.**

## If Your Facility is **INSIDE** of the Infested Area

### **Chip or grind ash material before moving it outside of the infested area**

Chip or grind all ash material as small as possible to kill all life stages of EAB. Both the mechanics of the process and the heat generated in chip piles kill the insect. It's okay to move ash wood outside of the infested area once it's chipped or ground.

### **Burning**

- If allowed by your Facility's Solid Waste Certification, ash materials may be burned. If unsure, contact DEC's [Solid Waste Program](#) , 802-828-1138.
- **Firewood** that is not heat-treated can contain live insects and should not be moved outside the infested area.

## If Your Facility is **OUTSIDE** of the Infested Area

### **Know the infested area**

Do not accept unchipped or unground ash material from within the infested area. Visit [VTinvasives.org/eab](http://VTinvasives.org/eab) for a map of the infested area and to sign up for updates on new EAB infestations.

### **Ask your customers where their wood is from, where it's been, and if they have ash wood**

If they have ash material from the infested area, direct them to a facility in the infested area for disposal. Or, follow the treatment recommendations above to slow the spread of EAB. It's important that everyone understand the risk of moving potentially infested ash material. Contact DEC's [Solid Waste Program](#) to find facilities in the infested area, 802-828-1138.

Learn more at [VTinvasives.org/eab](http://VTinvasives.org/eab)

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For additional information or questions, contact (802) 828-1531.

