

# Transporting Ash Wood Products into Vermont Safely and Legally

**What's the risk?** Movement of infested material, especially ash firewood and logs, results in faster spread of emerald ash borer (EAB) and threatens uninfested forests.

**How can ash wood products be moved safely?** Low-risk options for transport, use and disposal of potentially infested wood will reduce the movement of EAB. Please follow the [Recommendations to Slow the Spread of Emerald Ash Borer When Moving Ash from an Infested Area](#).

**What wood products are high risk?** Ash products with bark from an infested area including:

- Ash logs (i.e. roundwood and pulpwood)
- Unchipped ash debris, including stumps, bark, branches, and slabs
- Ash firewood

**How do I know if I'm transporting wood from an infested area in another state?**

- The infested areas of Vermont and nearby states are mapped at:
  - New Hampshire: [nhbugs.org](http://nhbugs.org)
  - New York: [dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html](http://dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html)
  - Massachusetts: [mass.gov/guides/emerald-ash-borer-in-massachusetts](http://mass.gov/guides/emerald-ash-borer-in-massachusetts)
  - Maine: [maine.gov/dacf/php/caps/EAB/index.shtml](http://maine.gov/dacf/php/caps/EAB/index.shtml)
  - Connecticut: [ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2697&q=464598](http://ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2697&q=464598)
  - Vermont: [vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont](http://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont)
- Quebec, New Brunswick and other provinces: Contact the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) (CFIA)

**What exactly is prohibited?**

- Transporting wood visibly infested with Emerald Ash Borer.
- Importing untreated firewood from outside Vermont.
- Following "Slow the Spread Recommendations" is required if wood is visibly infested.

**What does infested wood look like?**

- Photos to help identify EAB are at [VTinvasives.org](http://VTinvasives.org).
- Signs include woodpecker activity, bark splitting, D-shaped exit holes, S-shaped galleries and EAB insects.

**What is Vermont's firewood quarantine?** This rule prohibits the importation of untreated firewood, less than 48 inches in length, into Vermont. Treated firewood accompanied by certification is allowed. Waivers may be granted if the firewood poses minimal threat to forest health. More information can be found at [fpr.vermont.gov/firewood](http://fpr.vermont.gov/firewood).

**Who do I contact to get information about importing firewood from Canada?** Refer to the USDA website at [aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/firewood](http://aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/firewood), or contact Tony Slowik, the Vermont-based USDA Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist, to discuss your options at 802-224-1405 (office), 802-249-6248 (mobile) or [Tony.A.Slowik@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Tony.A.Slowik@aphis.usda.gov).