HOW TO LEGALLY TRANSPORT ASH WOOD PRODUCTS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT TO MAINE

Know before you go in order to move materials safely and legally.

1) What’s the risk? Potentially spreading emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive and expensive forest pest, into non-infested areas through commercial transport of ash (Fraxinus spp.) materials.

2) What items are regulated? All life stages of EAB (eggs, larvae, pupae, adults), as well as wood products and nursery stock potentially infested with EAB, including:
   - Ash logs (i.e. roundwood and pulpwood)
   - Wood chips with an ash component
   - Ash stumps, bark, branches, etc.
   - All hardwood firewood

3) What exactly is prohibited? Moving any regulated items from New Hampshire, Vermont or any other EAB-quarantined area into non-quarantined portions of the State of Maine without a compliance agreement. As of November 13, 2019, a compliance agreement is necessary when transporting regulated materials into any county in Maine except for York County and of the northeastern corner of Aroostook County. Updated information about Maine’s EAB quarantine area can be found by visiting www.maine.gov/dacf/php/caps/EAB/index.shtml.

4) What is a compliance agreement? A compliance agreement is between a USDA inspector and processors or suppliers. When you qualify for a compliance agreement, you receive forms that you use to document where and when you moved the regulated items.
   - Processor compliance agreements certify a product has been processed to USDA standards to reduce its risk and make it safe to move to any location without restrictions. A processor can qualify for a compliance agreement if they can either remove or destroy the tree layer where EAB life stages are present, or if they can destroy all EAB life stages through heat treatment.
   - Supplier compliance agreements allow suppliers to move non-certified EAB-regulated items to an EAB-compliant certified processor in the State of Maine between October 1st and April 30th. A copy of the issued form is delivered to the EAB-compliant certified processor as part of their required record-keeping.
   - Non-certified regulated items shall not be moved into non-quarantined areas between May 1st and September 30th when EAB adults are actively emerging from infested ash.
   - In addition to EAB regulations, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine restrict out-of-state firewood. Be aware of firewood regulations and requirements before moving firewood across state lines.

5) Who do I contact to get a compliance agreement? Contact a USDA Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist to discuss your options and set up an appointment. In NH: 603-679-5979 (office) In VT: 802-224-1405 (office)

6) For more information about EAB in New Hampshire and Vermont, visit: www.nhbugs.org or www.vtinvasives.org.