



Guidelines for Complying with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) State and Federal Quarantine Regulations

Preventing the human-assisted spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) is a huge undertaking. Cooperation among federal and state government agencies, Native American Tribes, municipalities, industry and the public is essential to minimize the impact of this pest.

Regulated Articles include: ash nursery stock, green (ash) lumber and other ash material living, dead, cut or fallen including logs, limbs, stumps, roots, and branches; all hardwood composted and uncomposted chips, bark or mulch; all hardwood firewood or fuelwood, and any other product the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) or a federal inspector determines is a risk of spreading emerald ash borer.

Below is a brief summary of treatment options that would allow EAB regulated materials to ship out of an EAB quarantined area. State- or federally-issued documentation must accompany all regulated articles shipped interstate. For more information contact the NDA at (402) 471-6847 or the USDA at (402) 434-2345.

Firewood Producers & Firewood Users

All hardwood firewood is prohibited from distribution outside the EAB quarantine area unless it has been heat treated, fumigated or debarked (plus removal of the outer ½ inch of wood). The treatments must be monitored and the firewood must be certified by state or federal agriculture officials. Although firewood may be moved within the EAB quarantine area, moving firewood any distance may also spread EAB and other tree pests. The best firewood options are to *Buy it where you Burn it* or purchase firewood that is treated, certified and labeled.

Mills, Loggers & Haulers

Ash logs cannot be moved out of the EAB quarantine area during EAB's adult flight period (April 1–Sept. 30) unless the logs have been fumigated or debarked (plus removal of ½ inch of wood) and certified. However, during the non-flight period (Oct. 1–March 31), ash logs may be moved to a state- or federally-approved mill outside of the EAB quarantine area for processing. Receiving mills outside the EAB quarantine area must be inspected and certified by state or federal agriculture officials. Bark and wood waste must be processed in accordance with regulations and time frames.

Ash Lumber Manufacturers

Ash lumber, during EAB's adult flight period (April 1–Sept. 30), is prohibited from distribution outside the EAB quarantine area unless it has been kiln dried, fumigated or debarked (plus removal of ½ inch of wood). The treatments must be inspected and the lumber certified by state or federal agriculture officials. During the non-flight period (Oct. 1–March 31), green (ash) lumber may be moved to state- or federally-approved facilities outside the EAB quarantine area for processing. Processing must be completed according to regulations within specified time frames.

Nursery Owners & Retailers

Ash nursery stock is prohibited from being sold or distributed within or out of the EAB quarantine area.

Pallet Producers

Pallets fabricated with green (ash) lumber—destined to a non-quarantined area—must be processed in a manner approved by federal agriculture officials.

Landscapers & Wood Waste Producers & Haulers

Wood chips and wood waste must meet quarantine specifications (chips less than 1 inch in two dimensions or an approved composting scheme) and be certified. Properly dispose of all wood debris.