

Firewood Fact Sheet

The Michigan departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service, Michigan State University, and other state and federal agencies are actively working to contain and halt the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The movement of hardwood firewood has proven to be the source of many EAB infestations throughout the Great Lakes region.

The state's EAB interior quarantine is designed to restrict the artificial spread of EAB. The elements of the quarantine are as follows:

- A 21 contiguous county quarantine (Level I) of Southeastern Michigan is in effect for Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Movement of hardwood firewood within this 21 contiguous county area is allowed; however, movement of hardwood firewood out of Quarantine Level I and into Quarantine Level II, Canada, or other states is prohibited.
- The 47 remaining counties in the Lower Peninsula are quarantined as Level II: Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Huron, Ionia, Iosco, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, St. Joseph, Tuscola, VanBuren, and Wexford. Movement of hardwood firewood within this 47 contiguous county area and into Level I is allowed, however, movement of hardwood firewood is prohibited into the Upper Peninsula (U.P.), Canada, or other states.
- All of Mackinac County and a portion of Chippewa County in the U.P. are quarantined. The Mackinac County quarantine is divided into two levels: the City of St. Ignace, and the townships of Moran, Brevort, and St. Ignace are quarantine Level II; and the remaining portions of Mackinac County are quarantine Level III. The area near Brimley State Park in Chippewa County is quarantine Level II. The movement of hardwood firewood within quarantine Level II areas is allowed, however, movement out of quarantine Level II areas of the U.P. is prohibited. Hardwood firewood may move from Level II of Mackinac County into Level II in the Lower Peninsula. The movement of hardwood firewood within quarantine Level III areas is allowed, however, movement out of quarantine Level III is prohibited except from Level III into Level II of Mackinac County.

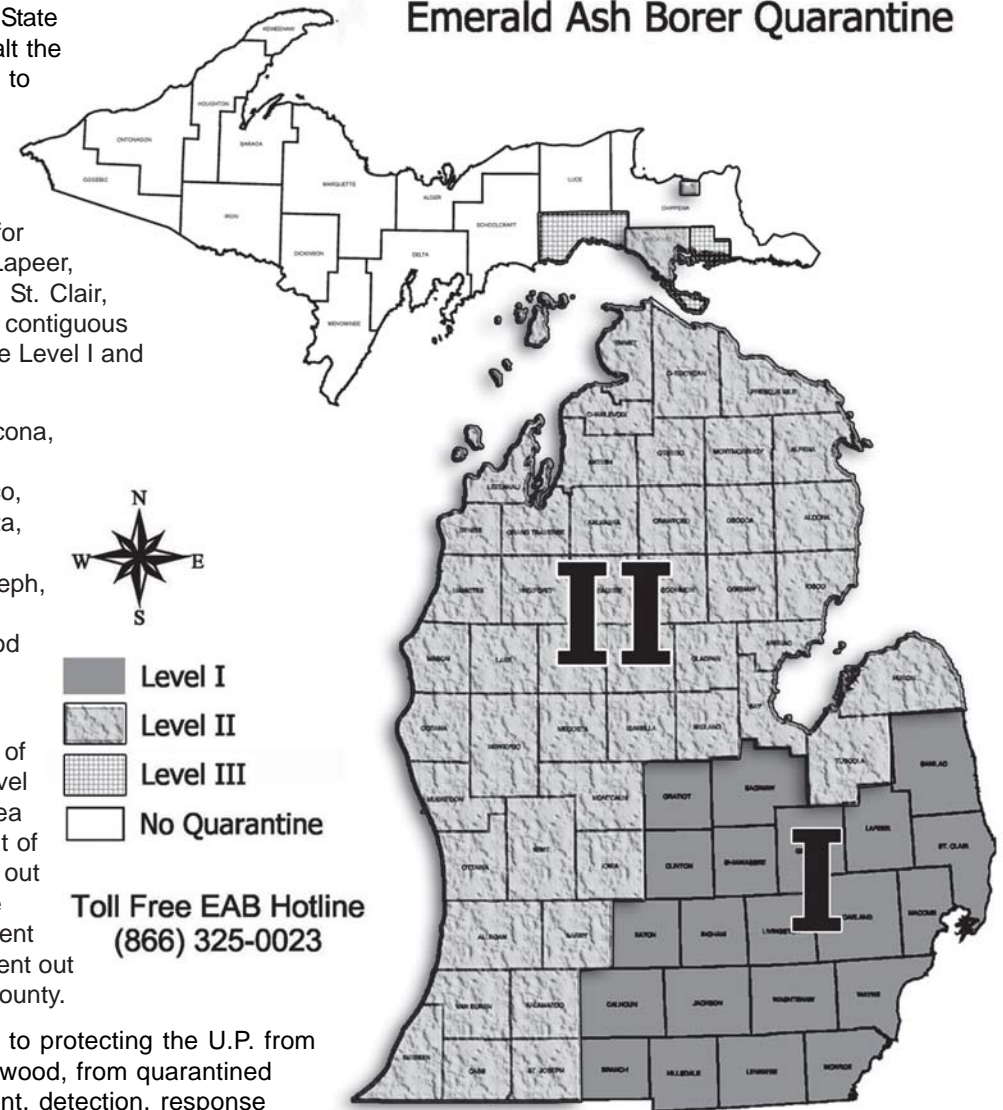
Although EAB has now been detected in parts of the U.P., MDA remains committed to protecting the U.P. from the artificial spread of EAB. Movement of regulated articles, including hardwood firewood, from quarantined areas of the U.P. is prohibited. MDA will continue to focus on regulatory enforcement, detection, response efforts, and communications activities in the U.P.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood. No citizen would want to be responsible for introducing EAB into the natural beauty of the U.P. forests.

All types of firewood can transport invasive pests other than EAB such as Beech Bark Disease, Asian Longhorned Beetle, Sirex Woodwasp, and Gypsy Moth. Help protect Michigan's natural resources by following this simple firewood recommendation: **Buy firewood when you reach your destination and burn it all on site.**

For more information, please call the EAB toll-free hotline at 866-325-0023 or visit one of these Web sites at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

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