

Firewood Quarantines Summary

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Merrimack County Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine:

Goal: Support emerald ash borer management efforts by reducing the artificial, human-assisted spread of emerald ash borer.

Regulated: All hardwood firewood (non-coniferous)

Area regulated: All locations within Merrimack County

Definition of firewood: All wood, split or unsplit, less than 4 feet in length that is not labeled as certified heat-treated by a USDA or State regulatory agency.

Prohibited: Movement of firewood originating in or stored within Merrimack County to any locations outside of Merrimack County without a compliance agreement.

Do: Contact your State Plant Regulatory Official (below) for information on compliance agreements and specifics of quarantine.

New Hampshire Exterior Firewood Quarantine:

Goal: Reduce importation of destructive invasive forest insects and diseases into the state.

Regulated: Firewood

Area regulated: All lands outside the jurisdictional borders of New Hampshire

Definition of firewood: Any kindling, logs, timber, or other portions of a tree of any species or length, cut or split, or not cut or split but intended to be cut or split, into a form and size appropriate for use as fuel for fires in open pit, grill, fireplace, stove, or other wood burning furnaces or devices.

Prohibited: Movement of untreated firewood originating outside of New Hampshire to any locations within New Hampshire without a compliance agreement.

Do: Contact your State Plant Regulatory Official (below) for information on compliance agreements and specifics of quarantine.



Meeting Other State's Firewood Quarantines:

Northeast area states without a whole state exterior quarantine: Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Vermont (all regulate firewood to state and national campgrounds and forests).

Northeast area states that require certification of heat-treated firewood to **160 F interior wood temperature for 75 min**: Maine, New York. Treatment of wood must be documented and verifiable, and certified by a state compliance agreement (all NH counties except Merrimack) or federal compliance agreement (Merrimack County).

Northeast area states that require certification of heat-treated firewood to **140 F interior wood temperature for 60 min**: Connecticut. Treatment of wood must be documented and verifiable, and certified by state compliance agreement (all NH counties except Merrimack) or federal compliance agreement (Merrimack County).

Penalties: First offense is a violation, recorded with a letter of information, or a written warning. Subsequent offenses are misdemeanors if a natural person, or a felony if any other entity, and subject to fines and other penalty provisions.

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