

Emerald ash borer quarantine information for Merrimack County

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



Emerald ash borer detections result in federal and state quarantines on regulated articles including:

- All life stages of the emerald ash borer
- All hardwood firewood (non-coniferous)
- *Fraxinus* (ash) nursery stock
- *Fraxinus* (ash) green lumber, logs, material living, dead, cut or fallen, including chips, bark mulch, stumps, branches, roots, debris, or any other material deemed a risk by an inspector
- Co-mingled hardwood chips where the ash chips have lost their identity.

Regulated articles in New Hampshire:

- Originate in or are moved into Merrimack County
- Cannot be moved out of Merrimack County without a compliance agreement
- Articles originating outside of Merrimack County but transiting Merrimack County can do so without becoming regulated ***if*** safeguarded from infestation by using direct and expedient transit across the county without stops except for traffic conditions.



Compliance agreements enable safe trade of regulated articles out of Merrimack County

- All regulated articles must be processed to mitigate the risk of spreading emerald ash borer. Treatments include either removal or destruction of the cambium layer **OR** destruction of emerald ash borer life stages with approved heat or chemical treatments.
- During the flight period (May 1—October 1) processing **MUST** occur within Merrimack County to minimize risk of adult emerald ash borer introductions to uninfested areas.
- During the non-flight period (October 1—May 1) processing may occur outside of Merrimack County, but each entity handling the unprocessed regulated articles must have a compliance agreement in place to reduce the probability of introducing emerald ash borer to uninfested areas. This may include loggers, haulers, mills, chippers, re-load yards, biofuel plants, etc.
- The **process** that will be used to mitigate the risk of spreading emerald ash borer will be assessed by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food for movement of regulated articles out of Merrimack County for *intrastate* movement and by USDA APHIS for articles destined to enter *interstate* or *international* trade. If your process is in compliance with federal standards, you will be issued a compliance agreement and the relevant federal forms (PPQ540 or PPQ530). Your process and record keeping are auditable. Forms are non-transferable.

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