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Stop the Spread of Tree-Destroying Insects and Diseases





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## Leave Your Firewood Where It Belongs — AT HOME!

Virginia's forests are threatened by nonnative insects and diseases that can kill large numbers of trees. Three recently introduced insects—emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, and Sirex woodwasp—are wood-infesting species that can be transported long distances in firewood. Likewise, oakwilt and other diseases can be spread through firewood.

The gypsy moth, already well established in much of Virginia, can be spread over great distances when it lays its eggs on firewood that is moved across state boundaries.

Once transported into new areas, these insects and diseases can become established and kill local trees. We must STOP THE SPREAD of these insects and diseases and protect our forests and trees.









## **How You Can Help**



Gypsy Moth

- Do not transport firewood across state lines or into campgrounds, parks or forests.
- Use firewood from local sources only. Resist the urge to "bring some from home."
- If you have moved firewood, burn all of it before leaving your campsite. Do not transport it elsewhere.

## Additional Resources

Contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office (www.ext.vt.edu/ offices), Virginia Department of Forestry office (www.dof.virginia.gov/) or visit the following Web sites:

- www.emeraldashborer.info
- www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep
- www.fs.usda.gov/main/r8/forest-grasslandhealth





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