





Forest Health in Virginia

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Plant Pest Quarantines




What is the purpose of a quarantine?
Some non-native invasive species are regulated pests for which quarantines have been established. Quarantines prevent the entry, establishment, and spread of regulated pests by restricting movement of the pest and host material. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) regulates all plant pest quarantines in Virginia.



How do quarantines affect loggers?
Vehicles and logging equipment should always be inspected to prevent the spread of invasive species "hitch-hikers". If logging within a quarantine, there may be restrictions on the movement of equipment and/or plant material. Some quarantines require permits or compliance agreements in order to move regulated articles outside the quarantine area. Contact VDACS to make sure you have the proper documentation and have taken appropriate mitigation steps before leaving a plant pest quarantine.

Current Plant Pest Quarantines in Virginia

✗ Cotton Boll Weevil	✗ Spotted Lanternfly
✗ Imported Fire Ant	✗ Thousand Cankers Disease
✗ Spongy Moth (formerly Gypsy Moth)	



Who to contact and how to comply?
Contact the Office of Plant Industry Services at the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: (804) 786-3515
Visit <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services.shtml> to learn more about Virginia's plant pest quarantines and how to comply.

Don't Move Firewood



Outside Firewood Banned
Moving firewood when camping and traveling allows for the potential to accidentally move invasive species from one location to another. These problematic pests can be hiding under bark, within the wood, or hitchhiking as an egg mass or spore without anyone knowing! In many local, state and National parks and campgrounds, bringing outside firewood is now banned and firewood must be purchased or harvested locally or be certified as heat-treated.

MOVING FIREWOOD can transport forest insects and diseases.

BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT.

If you're a camper heading out for a trip — or just getting firewood for your stove — do capture a favor: Don't potentially transport invasive species.



- Buy locally harvested firewood.
- Gather on site when possible.
- Ask a park ranger or campground host about where to get local firewood.

The forest will thank you.



For More Information
<https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>

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