

# Insect Infestation Causes Quarantine on Firewood

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The Emerald Ash Borer, an ash tree-killing insect from Asia, was identified in Ohio in 2003. The Borer kills ash trees within three to five years of infestation. Adults are dark metallic green, 1/2 inch in length and 1/8 inch wide, and fly only from mid-May to September. Larvae spend the rest of the year developing beneath the bark.

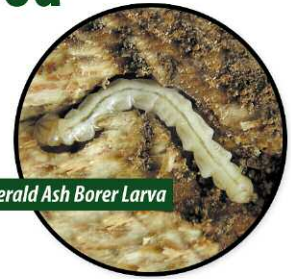
In an effort to protect the state's more than 3.8 billion ash trees, the Department of Agriculture has issued a quarantine for Ohio counties where infestations have been identified. These counties are Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Putnam,

Richland, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Union, Summit, Van Wert, Warren, Wayne, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot. To reduce the risk of the insect moving to uninfested parts of the state, the department has also added five additional counties to the quarantine list: Champaign, Crawford, Darke, Preble, and Shelby.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR FIREWOOD

Under the quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees, ash logs, ash branches, ash wood chips, ash bark, and all hardwood firewood out of Ohio's quarantined areas. These materials can move freely within, but cannot leave, contiguous quarantined areas. Please only purchase campfire wood from the campground you are visiting or from local vendors near your campsite to help cut down on the transfer and growth of the emerald ash borer population.

For more information about the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, visit [www.agri.ohio.gov/eab](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/eab).



Emerald Ash Borer Larva



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