

Buy local, burn local Don't Move Firewood

Be forest
friendly

Always burn local
or heat-treated
(kiln-dried) firewood

(not) **WANTED**

Invasive insects and tree diseases can live and travel in *your* firewood. Moving untreated firewood, even just a few kilometers to or from a campground or a cottage, is a common way for invasive insects and diseases to spread.



Emerald ash borer: This beetle has killed millions of ash trees and can hide under the bark. Firewood is the fastest way it spreads.



Hemlock woolly adelgid: Its egg sacs are found at the base of needles. It spreads by wind, animals, and movement of untreated wood products.



Dutch elm disease: This fungal disease is spread by certain beetles and by moving firewood. Help us protect the remaining elm trees in Canada!



Spongy moth: Look for this leaf-eating pest's eggs on firewood, vehicles, brick and items stored outdoors. Scrape off eggs and insects, soak them in hot soapy water, then dispose of them in a zipped bag in the garbage.



Brown spruce longhorn beetle: These larvae eat and hide in the inner bark of spruce trees, threatening Canadian forests and trade.



Spotted lanternfly: This insect threatens grape, fruit tree and forestry industries. It is spreading in the US. Let's keep it out of Canada.



Oak wilt: Sap beetles carry spores of this fungal infection from tree to tree. It is prominent in the US. Let's keep it out of Canada.

Firewood is one of many pest pathways

Invasive plant pests can hitch a ride on:

- > planes and ships (cargo)
- > soil (yes, even the dirt on your shoes)
- > campers and vehicles
- > outdoor furniture
- > firewood
- > outdoor gear
- > tools and equipment

How YOU can protect Canada's forests

- > **Learn about invasive species and tell family and friends.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) website and reporting apps such as **iNaturalist** and **EDDMapS** are a great start.
- > **Know where your wood comes from.** When you buy it ask, where it came from. Buy local, burn local and never bring it home.
- > **Clean up.** Remove organic debris from footwear, gear, tools and equipment.
- > **Inspect, detect and connect.** Check trees, campers, equipment and items stored outside. Report sightings new to your area to the CFIA.
- > **Check your packing list.** Declare food, plants, soil, untreated wood, seeds and animal items when crossing the border. All of these things can carry damaging pests.

SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

HELP us keep an eye out for these pests that can move in firewood.

REPORT them to your local CFIA office if you find them where they're not known to exist.

Learn more:

inspection.canada.ca/pests
inspection.canada.ca/firewood
or 1-800-442-2342