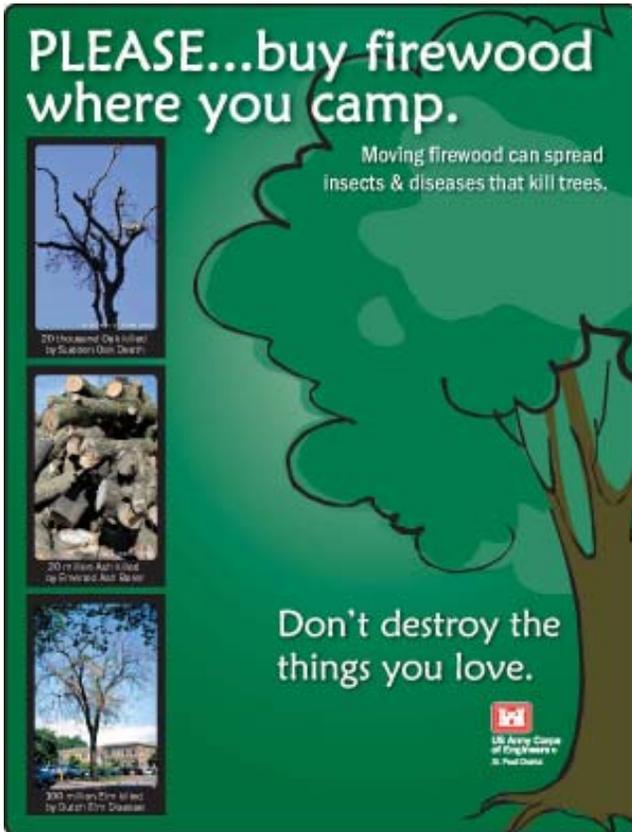


Follow Three Simple Steps to Stop the Movement of Destructive Pests like the Emerald Ash Borer

1. Buy or use firewood cut from local sources.
2. Burn all firewood that you have at that property.
3. Stop moving firewood site to site.

Emerald Ash Borer is spreading on its own at 2 or 3 miles per year; but on your vehicle, it has the potential to travel 50-70 miles per hour.

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Firewood Policy



Why does the Corps have a new firewood policy?

- Damaging forest pests such as the emerald ash borer are being spread by the movement of firewood.
- Emerald Ash Borer has already killed more than 30 million ash trees in Michigan alone. It has also been found in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Ontario.
- Ash trees make up a significant part of the forests in this region. Minnesota has the third largest volume of ash timber in the nation. There are more than 700 million ash trees in Wisconsin forests. Ash makes up part of the most common forest type in North Dakota. These important forest resources are at risk and need protection.
- The Corps is cooperating with other state and federal natural resource management agencies to reduce the chance that Emerald Ash Borer will spread to this area.



Figure 1—The adult Emerald Ash Borer. The exotic beetle exclusively attacks ash trees.



Figure 2—The emerald ash borer larva. Emerald Ash Borer larvae tunnel under the bark to feed and grow eventually killing the infected tree.

What is the policy?

It is the policy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, to support and contribute towards the efforts of state and other federal agencies to impede the movement of invasive species by the transport of firewood.



Figure 3—This firewood is infested with Emerald Ash Borer. The s-shaped tunnels were made by Emerald Ash Borer larvae.

How is the policy being implemented?

The district commander has established a restriction at Corps of Engineers' recreation areas and other project lands in the district's boundaries that prohibits the possession, transportation, use or storage of firewood originating from greater than 100 miles (50 miles in Wisconsin) from project lands or the current state limit, whichever is more restrictive; or from across state or national boundaries, unless the firewood has been officially certified as pest-free.

How will this affect my recreation experience at this Corps recreation area?

- If you didn't bring firewood with you or if you brought it from within 100 miles (50 miles in Wisconsin) of this recreation area, it doesn't affect you at all.
- If you brought firewood from outside of this distance, you will be asked to show proof of purchase from an approved, pest-free firewood vendor.
- If you brought firewood from outside this distance and do not have proof of purchase from an approved vendor, you will not be allowed to bring the wood into this recreation area. Any unauthorized firewood in this campground may be confiscated and destroyed according to regulations.

For more information, please contact a Corps of Engineers' park ranger or the park office. We thank you for your cooperation in protecting important forest resource.

