

EAB Regulatory Review

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Current Emerald Ash Borer Situation

Minnesota currently has three counties quarantined to prevent the movement of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Hennepin, Ramsey and Houston counties. These counties are under quarantine by both the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), which maintains a parallel federal quarantine.

Following is a list of commonly asked questions that we have received regarding the EAB quarantine.

What is an EAB Quarantine?

The EAB Quarantine is administered by the MDA and the USDA. The quarantine is intended to prevent the human-assisted movement of EAB. People moving wood products can inadvertently transport EAB to new areas. Therefore the EAB Quarantine restricts the movement of certain wood products (called regulated articles) to within the quarantine boundaries. The MDA is responsible for controlling regulated article movement within the State, and USDA is responsible for movement out of the State.

What are regulated articles?

Regulated articles are the pest itself or items that could possibly harbor EAB. The following are considered regulated articles in the Minnesota EAB Quarantine: emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) itself, ash trees (*Fraxinus* sp.), ash limbs and branches, ash stumps and roots, ash logs, ash lumber, ash chips and ash bark chips, and firewood of any hardwood (non-coniferous) species.

What yard waste is considered a "regulated article"?

Any yard waste that contains ash limbs, branches or twigs, is considered a "regulated article" under the EAB Quarantine, and must be handled accordingly. If it is not possible to determine if

ash is mixed in, then it is strongly advised that the yard waste be treated as a regulated article to effectively mitigate the spread of EAB.

How can I transport my regulated yard waste?

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Arrest the Pest Hotline
651-201-6684 in the Metro Area
or 1-888-545-6684
in Greater Minnesota."***

1. Unmitigated regulated yard waste (intact logs, limbs, branches and twigs of ash trees) can be freely transported between adjacent counties that are quarantined (but not outside of the EAB Quarantine). 2. If it is necessary to transport regulated yard waste across and outside of the EAB Quarantine boundary, then a compliance agreement with the MDA must be obtained.

What is a Compliance Agreement?

A compliance agreement is a document that specifies how the regulated articles are to be managed, maintained or treated to ensure that EAB is not inadvertently moved out of the quarantine area.

What can I do with my ash material from a quarantined county?

A list of sites available inside the EAB Quarantine that accept regulated yard waste can be found by visiting: www.mda.state.mn.us/sitecore/content/Global/MDADocs/pestsplants/eab/ashtreewaste.aspx. Locations for these sites can be found by visiting: http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geoce=&q=http:%2F%2Fgis.mda

state.mn.us%2Fkml%2FEAB_disposal_site.s.kml&ie=UTF8&z=8.

Please remember to call the site ahead of time to find out what is accepted, by whom, hours of operation and if any fees apply. Some of the listed sites are inside the quarantine, and any regulated articles can be brought to these sites for processing. Other sites are outside of the quarantine, and any movement of regulated articles to these sites will require a compliance agreement. Material can also be utilized within the quarantine for any legal purpose.

What if I want to move the ash material out of the quarantined counties?

Movement of regulated articles from the quarantine area may only be done with a signed compliance agreement in place. Treatments for regulated articles include: Chipping, Composting, Debarking, Heat Treatment, Kiln-drying.

Fumigation and Transport during an EAB non-flight (dormant) period. Each of these treatments has very specific requirements and are discussed and outlined in the compliance agreement. The compliance agreement should be in place before beginning product processing operations.

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