

# ALIEN INVADERS



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# FIREWOOD

## THE ISSUE

Moving infested firewood can introduce insects or diseases to new areas. Infested trees can harbor these problems for months after a tree has been cut for firewood. Many forest pests, including the emerald ash borer, the fungus that causes oak wilt, and gypsy moth, have all been transported on firewood.

## MANAGEMENT

Buy firewood where you plan to use it. There is less risk of moving pests and diseases if: the wood is free of bark; it has been more than 18 months since the wood was cut; or the wood was kiln dried. However, some insects lay eggs on any wood that is stored outside, regardless of attached bark or age.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [dnr.wi.gov/invasives/firewood](http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/firewood) or contact your regional DNR forest health specialist. For information regarding firewood in State Parks or other DNR-managed property, call 1-877-303-WOOD.

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