

NR 40 Reasonable Precautions for Quarantined Species: Emerald Ash Borer

For species that are both listed under NR 40 and quarantined at the federal and/or the state level, the department determines that “reasonable precautions” allow for the incidental possession, transport, transfer or introduction of a prohibited or restricted organism within the boundaries of a federal or state quarantine for that organism. NR 40 regulations will be fully active outside the area(s) quarantined for that species. By doing this, NR 40 regulations will parallel the quarantine regulations for species that are both listed under NR 40 and quarantined at the federal and/or state level.

This means that a community, business or individual may move wood that is potentially or likely infested with emerald ash borer (EAB) within the boundaries of an area quarantined for EAB without violating NR 40 restrictions. This should ease concerns of those who must remove infested hazard trees and process the wood. Keep in mind that ash wood may not leave the quarantined area unless in compliance with state and federal quarantines. For more information on requirements for wood leaving the quarantine, go to <http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov> , State and Federal Quarantines tab.

Can I do more to prevent spread of EAB? Yes!

EAB spreads slowly on its own and there are many communities and woodlands within the quarantine where this pest is not yet present. If you have to take down dead or dying ash within the quarantined area, you should consider that its wood may be infested and thus poses a risk of introducing EAB into a new location. As part of a good neighbor/good business policy, you can significantly reduce the risk of your wood being the source of a new infestation by following any of the [*Recommendations to reduce the spread of EAB in potentially infested wood*](#), which are similar to best management practices.