

Quarantine Update

The *formal* quarantine is slated to be completed and enacted in early August 2009. Based on the comments received from various cooperators, a nested quarantine (or the designation of a generally infested area) is being proposed that includes the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Roseville, Lauderdale, St. Anthony Village and Falcon Heights. These cities would act as a quarantine within the larger county quarantines (designated as a suppression area) of Ramsey and Hennepin. This was implemented to decrease the chances of moving the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation to parts of Ramsey and Hennepin Counties where no EAB has yet been found. Regulated articles originating in, or attempting to pass through from outside of, these cities would not be legally allowed to leave this boundary.

Also included in the *formal* quarantine, as well as the *emergency* quarantine, is language that would allow for the transportation of regulated articles past quarantine boundaries by adequately treating the articles to pre-determined specifications. This can be done under a compliance agreement with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). Once the *formal* quarantine is in place, companies that would need a compliance agreement should contact MDA to request one.

Until this *formal* quarantine is officially enacted, the *emergency* quarantine is still in effect and can be found by visiting

www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eabquarantine.htm.

Please keep your eyes peeled for next week's EAB Regulatory Review for more specific information regarding the formal quarantine.



Severe Storm Clean-up in Minnesota
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Tree Care Company Registry

Companies that provide tree care or tree trimming services and/or who remove trees, limbs, branches, brush or shrubs for hire are **REQUIRED** by [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 18G.07](#) to register in Minnesota's Tree Care Registry. This is provided at no cost!

A list of current tree care companies currently registered can be found by visiting

www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/lis/default.jsp and

highlighting the appropriate "License Type" in the scroll-down menu. To register, please visit

www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/erenewal/apply.jsp, select "Tree Care Company Registration" from the scroll-down menu and click on "Apply for License."

It is important that any and all tree care companies register with MDA to ensure receiving accurate and timely information regarding the EAB quarantine and other related plant pest news. If you are aware of a tree care company not currently registered with MDA please contact us at

arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or by calling 651-201-6684 in the Metro area or 1-888-545-6684 in greater Minnesota. More information on the Tree Care Company Registry can be found at

www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/nursery/treecareregistry.htm.



Infested Firewood

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Firewood

Nationwide, firewood is the #1 culprit for human-assisted transport of EAB as well as numerous other plant pests.. Because of this, firewood is a heavily regulated article that will be receiving extra attention from MDA regulatory officials. Please make yourself attuned to the laws regarding the production, transport and use of firewood, specifically as it pertains to the emerald ash borer quarantine. This information can be found by visiting

www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/firewood.htm.

Links and Resources

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[The 12 Most Frequently Asked Questions about Emerald Ash Borer and their Answers.](#)

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