

## It's Official!

The [formal quarantine](#) has cleared its last hurdle and has been signed by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)! Read the press release [here](#). Please be sure to carefully look over the language of the quarantine to see what, if anything, applies to you and/or your business.

Some highlights of the *formal* quarantine:

- Regulated articles may not leave quarantined areas until they have been treated as specified under a Compliance Agreement with the MDA and are accompanied by appropriate shipping documents
- Ash stumps, roots, logs, lumber and chips are now considered regulated articles regardless of treatments, dimensions and composition (i.e. ash logs without bark and composted ash chips smaller than 1"x1" in two dimensions are both considered regulated)
- Transiting of regulated articles through a quarantined area from a non-quarantined area to another non-quarantined area will not be regulated during the period of October 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Violating quarantine regulations could result in civil penalties up to \$7,500/day as well as criminal penalties set forth in Minnesota Statutes Sections [18J.10](#) and [18J.11](#) respectively

The *nested* quarantine that was proposed to be included in this *formal* quarantine has not been included for a variety of reasons. In its place will be an outreach effort aimed at those areas known to be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB). More specific details of this outreach effort are forthcoming.



Emergence of Emerald Ash Borer  
United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

## Taking Down an Ash Tree?

If you, or anyone you know, will be taking down an ash tree that shows symptoms of emerald ash borer infestation in the metro area, the MDA would like to come out and inspect your tree for EAB. This inspection would be done at no cost and would greatly help in our efforts at controlling the spread of EAB!

If you are interested in taking the MDA up on this opportunity, please contact the Arrest the Pest hotline by calling 651-201-6684 in the Metro area or 1-888-545-6684 in greater Minnesota or by emailing [arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us](mailto:arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us) and ask to be put in contact with the EAB survey staff.



Firewood  
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## We Need Your Help!

If you notice a transportation vehicle that is carrying firewood, ash tree waste, ash logs and/or ash lumber across quarantine boundaries, please get their license plate number and call us! Enforcement of this quarantine can be made more effective with the help of everyday citizens. Please use the Arrest the Pest hotline found in the above section.

## Links and Resources

[Ash Tree Waste Disposal Sites within Ramsey, Hennepin & Houston Counties](#)

[Locations of Ash Tree Waste Disposal Sites in Ramsey-Hennepin-Houston County](#)

[Past Bulletins](#)

[Find out how close emerald ash borer is to you with this interactive mapping site.](#)

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