

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Minnesota Firewood Must Be Labeled

SALE BY PACKAGE

Minn. Stat. § 239.093 (2009)

A package offered, exposed, or held for sale must bear a clear and conspicuous declaration of:

- identity of the commodity in the package, unless the commodity can be easily identified through the wrapper or container;
- net quantity in terms of weight, measure, or count;
- name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor, if the packages were not produced on the premises where they are offered, exposed, or held for sale; and
- unit price, if the packages are part of a lot containing random weight packages of the same commodity.

Firewood sold or distributed across state boundaries or more than 100 miles from its origin must include information regarding the harvest locations of the wood by county and state on each label or wrapper.

SALE FROM BULK

Minn. Stat. § 239.093 (2009)

Bulk sales of commodities, when the buyer and seller are not both present to witness the measurement, must be accompanied by a delivery ticket containing the following information:

- name and address of the person who weighed or measured the commodity;
- date delivered;
- quantity delivered, should be by cords or cubic meters, including fractions;
- count of individually wrapped packages delivered, if more than one is included in the quantity delivered;
- quantity on which the price is based, if different than the quantity delivered;
- identity of the commodity in the most descriptive terms commercially practicable, including representations of quality made in connection with the sale.

Firewood sold or distributed across state boundaries or more than 100 miles from its origin must include delivery ticket information regarding the harvest locations of the wood by county and state.

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IF YOU PURCHASE FIREWOOD

- Make sure it is labeled with required information.
- Make sure it has the federal or state shield if it came from an area quarantined for a plant pest.

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN FIREWOOD

- Burn it close to where it was harvested.
- Be mindful of plant pest quarantines in place.

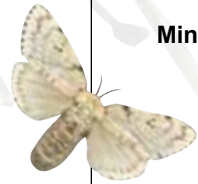
For questions about invasive species and firewood regulations, contact:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture,
Plant Protection Division
arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us
Call our Arrest the Pest Hotline
651-201-6684 (metro)
or
888-545-6684 (greater Minnesota)

For questions about firewood on state lands, contact:
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
651-296-6157 (metro) or
888-646-6367 (toll free)

For questions about state requirements for labeling, contact:
Minnesota Department of Commerce
Weights and Measures
651-215-5821

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TTY: 800-627-3529*



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FIREWOOD ALERT!

FIREWOOD CAN SPREAD PESTS

Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species



WHY ARE INVASIVE PESTS A PROBLEM?

Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer are examples of invasive species that have killed millions of trees in nearby states. Others, such as Asian longhorned beetle and siren woodwasp, also pose threats to health of Minnesota's trees and forests.

NOT MOVING FIREWOOD IS IMPORTANT

Many invasive pest species live on or in trees, lumber, and firewood. Moving untreated firewood can spread pests.



MINNESOTANS NEED TO WATCH OUT

Emerald ash borer has been found in Minnesota. Quarantines in place for counties affected by EAB help prevent new infestations within the state. New infestations may be found, so check quarantine maps on a regular basis (see map websites at the bottom of the page). EAB is difficult to find and may already be outside of the quarantine, so remember moving firewood can spread invasive pests. Only certified firewood can be moved out of quarantined counties.

FIREWOOD IN QUARANTINED COUNTIES CANNOT BE MOVED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE

A quarantine is in place by the State of Minnesota regarding the movement of regulated articles, including all hardwood firewood, inside the state. The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a parallel federal quarantine for interstate movement of regulated articles.

STATE CERTIFIED FIREWOOD IS OKAY

In an effort to facilitate the movement of properly treated wood, the following allowances and requirements apply:

- Firewood **can** be transported out of the EAB quarantine if all conditions are met:
 - o Firewood is USDA certified or is **treated** in an MDA certified facility
 - o Displays the appropriate MDA or USDA **certification shield**
 - o Is **unopened**
- Firewood **cannot** be transported out of the quarantined area if:
 - o Firewood bundles have been **opened**
 - o Firewood is **not certified** as treated
 - o Firewood bundles **fail to display** the appropriate certification shield
- Firewood used on DNR-administered lands must be purchased either at the state park or from a DNR-approved vendor

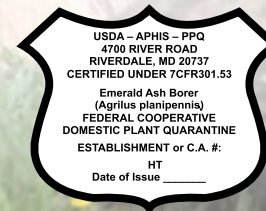


IF YOU TRANSPORT WOOD OUT OF A QUARANTINE AREA, IT NEEDS TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE.

All state-certified wood materials will have the state certificate on the label. Certified materials have been processed or treated according to the state regulations to mitigate plant pest risk before crossing quarantine boundaries.

The federal shield indicates that regulated articles have been certified by regulatory officials as having been processed, transported properly under domestic quarantines, or both.

The USDA or MDA certification shields indicate firewood can be moved around the state.



Check quarantine maps online for the most up-to-date information.

Gypsy moth: www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gypsy_moth/downloads/gypmoth.pdf

Emerald ash borer: www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/downloads/multistateeab.pdf