Many forest pests and diseases move to new locations on firewood. Some hide beneath the bark, others attach to the surface. They may hide for a year or two, or only for a few months. Changing the way you use firewood will help keep harmful insects and diseases out of your yard and out of Wisconsin forests and parks.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Responsible for nearly 20 million dead or dying ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario.

Oak Wilt

Fungus lives beneath bark and is transported on firewood or by sap-sucking beetles.

Gypsy Moth

Caterpillar defoliates urban and forest trees – especially oak – and can cause trees to become stressed and die.

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Don't Move Firewood

- *Don't move firewood long distances.*
- *Obtain firewood within 50 miles of where you plan to use it.*
- *Don't move firewood from areas infested with emerald ash borer.*
- *Rough wood products like pallets and slabs can also carry harmful insects and diseases.*
- *Firewood that is two years old, kiln dried, or without bark poses less risk than fresh wood with bark.*

Spread the Word

Tell your friends and neighbors not to move firewood.

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