

## **BE CAREFUL WHEN TRANSPORTING FIREWOOD**

**Transporting firewood can destroy millions of trees. Don't move firewood, buy it locally or burn it on site. Why?**

Invasive insects and diseases can exist in firewood. Moving untreated firewood, even just a few kilometres to or from a campground or a cottage, is a common way for invasive insects and diseases to spread.

These pests (the Emerald ash borer, the Asian long-horned beetle and the Brown spruce longhorn beetle) kill trees in our forests, cities, streets and parks. This affects air and water quality. It deprives animals of habitat. It damages private property and reduces land value. It can also have devastating effects on Canada's forestry industry and on our ability to trade with other countries that want to keep these pests out.

The emerald ash borer, for example, has killed millions of ash trees in Canada since it first arrived from Asia. On its own, it doesn't move very far. Hiding in firewood, though, it can travel vast distances when that wood is moved by people. Then it kills more trees in new areas to which it has been moved.

Moving firewood from places invasive insects and diseases have been found can be a violation of the *Plant Protection Act*, with penalties up to \$ 50,000 and/or prosecution. Be aware of restrictions that may be in place before you move wood or wood products.

If you can more information about these restrictions, contact your Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) office website at [www.inspection.gc.ca/pests](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/pests) or call 1-800-442-2342