



## IMPORTANT UPDATE: CAMPGROUNDS AND PARKS

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As the **emerald ash borer (EAB)** continues to devastate ash trees throughout North America, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is seeking your help and cooperation.

The EAB, a destructive insect that attacks and kills ash trees, was first discovered in Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan in 2002. Considered to be one of the worst invasive alien forest pests to ever be introduced to North America, EAB has infested or killed tens of millions of ash trees. It continues to be found in new areas.

**The major risk for spreading this insect is through the movement of infested firewood. Campers and cottagers who bring firewood with them to campgrounds, hunting cabins or fishing locations may unknowingly spread EAB to these sites and beyond.**

Ash trees are a major component of both urban and rural forests throughout Ontario and their loss will have an enormous impact on the Canadian economy and environment.

EAB has now been confirmed in multiple counties in Ontario and Quebec. For the most current list please consult: [www.inspection.gc.ca/pests](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/pests) To prevent further spread, a Ministerial Order has been enacted under the *Plant Protection Act* to restrict the movement of all ash materials and firewood from any tree species from the six regulated areas.

### REGULATED AREAS IN CANADA (see enclosed map):

- Ontario:** Cities of Hamilton and Toronto, the Regional Municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Durham, York, Peel, Halton, Niagara and Waterloo and the Counties of Brant (including the City of Brantford), Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth and Wellington
- City of Sault Ste. Marie
- The Manitoulin district
- Ontario – Quebec:** City of Ottawa, and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and Prescott and Russell in Ontario and, in the City of Gatineau, in Quebec
- Quebec:** Municipalities of Carignan, Chambly, Richelieu, Saint-Basile-le-Grand and Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu
- Cities of Montréal, Baie-d'Urfé, Beaconsfield, Côte-Saint-Luc, Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Dorval, Hampstead, Kirkland, L'Île-Dorval, Montreal East, Montreal West, Mont-Royal, Pointe-Claire, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Senneville and Westmount

These movement restrictions are in place to prevent the spread of EAB from infested materials. Materials that cannot be moved outside of these EAB regulated areas without prior permission from the CFIA include: **nursery stock, trees, logs, wood, rough lumber (including pallets and other wood packaging materials), bark, wood chips or bark chips from ash (*Fraxinus* species), and firewood of all tree species.**