

Greetings Neighbor:

We need your help to protect our forests. Please do not move firewood or bring any to the Allegheny National Forest region.

The emerald ash borer was recently found in Pennsylvania. This is an extremely destructive insect that was introduced from Asia, and has killed more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Indiana, and southwestern Pennsylvania. One of the main ways forest pests are spread is through firewood movement.

In order to prevent the spread of emerald ash borer and other introduced pests in the eastern U.S., several quarantines exist for the transportation of wood products, including a ban on firewood brought into the State of Pennsylvania. **Additionally, the Allegheny National Forest currently has a ban on all firewood originating from outside Warren, Forest, Elk and McKean Counties in Pennsylvania.**

Firewood is available for purchase from local vendors or for collection on the ANF (a fuelwood permit may be necessary). For more information on the internet, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/>

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

If you have questions, please call (814) 723-5150. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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