

## **Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program**

# COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION OF ASH WOOD FOR UTILIZATION OR DISPOSAL

#### Transportation Regulations and Recommendations Within the Quarantine Area

- Technically, it is legal to move ash wood material anywhere within the quarantine area.
   However, movement of untreated infested ash wood material should be avoided to prevent possible spread of EAB to un-infested areas in the quarantine zone. If transport is absolutely necessary, distance traveled should be minimized.
- If the logs, brush or chips will be transported for another use such as mulch, compost, boiler fuel or daily cover at a landfill, no Department of Natural Resources (DNR) waste program approvals or licenses are necessary.
- If the wood is to be landfilled or burned without energy recovery, a DNR solid waste transportation license is required.

### Transportation Regulations from the Quarantine Area to the Non-Quarantine Area

- All ash wood producers, transporters and processors must sign a compliance agreement
  with the Department of Agriculture, Trade or Consumer Protection (DATCP) or United States
  Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) officials
  before ash wood materials can be moved out of a quarantine area. Compliance agreements
  are not complicated and the process to obtain one is simple. Sample copies of compliance
  agreements are available at <a href="http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov">http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov</a>.
  - Producers: Anyone who takes down infested trees and moves the material offsite, such as loggers, commercial arborists or municipal crews is a producer and needs a compliance agreement to move the infested material away from where the trees were growing or to a certified facility if it is outside the quarantine area.
  - Truckers and Transporters: Truckers and transporters that move ash logs and materials out of a quarantine area must sign a compliance agreement stating that the transporter will deliver regulated (ash) logs and materials only to mills or processors with an approved compliance agreement and will ship the materials between October 1 and March 31.
  - Mills and Processors: The mill or processor must be visited by a DATCP or APHIS official and a compliance agreement must be complete and signed.
- Mills located outside a quarantine area can only receive ash logs from within the quarantine area between October 1 and March 31. Ash logs must be processed by April 30.
- All ash logs or materials at the processor, whether from inside or outside the quarantine
  area, are considered regulated unless the mills or other facilities can completely segregate
  and mark the ash logs or green lumber. If the processor or mill is able to keep the different
  materials separated, then the non-quarantine ash logs or lumber can be processed as
  usual.
- Ash green lumber must be free of bark prior to movement out of the mill unless heat treated according to USDA specification.

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