

## **PRESS ADVISORY**

2009 Emerald Ash Borer Survey

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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### **EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINES for MILWAUKEE, WAUKESHA AND RACINE COUNTIES**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's emergency rule to establish quarantines on materials that could transport emerald ash borer (EAB) from Milwaukee, Waukesha or Racine counties will go into effect on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009. A Federal quarantine for those same counties is expected to be enacted soon.

The rule will restrict the movement of products outside of the quarantine borders that could transport any of the life stages of EAB. Products such as ash logs or timber and all species of hardwood firewood cannot be moved outside of the quarantine area without state or federal approval. Certification for firewood movement is available to firewood dealers only. Ash nursery stock cannot be moved under any circumstance because it is impossible to determine if the young trees are infested without damaging the tree beyond salvage.

The tree-killing emerald ash borer has been discovered so far in seven Wisconsin counties: Brown, Crawford, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Vernon and Washington.

As of Monday, Sept. 14, state or federal EAB quarantines will exist in 11 counties including Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington and Waukesha counties.

Background information regarding EAB can be found on the web at [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov). A public hearing on the emergency rule will be held on October 15, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Franklin Public Library (Fadrow Rm. A), located at 9151 W. Loomis Road in Franklin.

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

University of Wisconsin and UW-Extension

US Forest Service and the US Dept. of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service –

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