



COMMISSIONER SID MILLER



Guidelines for Complying with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) State and Federal Quarantine Regulations

Preventing the spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) is a huge undertaking requiring cooperation among federal and state government agencies, municipalities, industry, and the general public. These guidelines are meant to clarify state and federal quarantine regulations regarding the movement of EAB regulated articles outside of quarantined counties.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has a quarantine in place for 4 Texas counties: Cass, Harrison, Marion, and Tarrant. To prevent the spread of EAB, it is necessary to restrict the movement of firewood, mulch, compost, and other articles capable of spreading this dangerous pest.

The following are regulated articles: firewood or all hardwood (non-coniferous) species; nursery stock, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted chips of the genus *Fraxinus*, and any other product the TDA or USDA determines is a risk of spreading EAB.

To prevent the spread of EAB beyond the quarantined counties, **all shipments of regulated articles out of Cass, Harrison, Marion, and Tarrant counties must be accompanied by a TDA or USDA-issued certificate, permit, or compliance agreement.** Below is a summary of treatment options that would allow EAB regulated articles to ship out of an EAB quarantined county; for more specific requirements please refer to Approved EAB Treatment Methods Manual found at the TDA EAB website:

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/PlantQuality/PestandDiseaseAlerts/EmeraldAshBorer.aspx>

To enter into a compliance agreement with TDA please call (512) 463-7660 or email: PlantQuality@TexasAgriculture.gov

Firewood Producers & Firewood Users

All hardwood firewood is prohibited from distribution outside the EAB quarantine counties unless it has been heat treated, kiln dried, fumigated, or debarked with the removal of the outer ½ inch of wood. The treatments must be monitored and the firewood must be certified by TDA or USDA agriculture officials. Due to the ability of EAB to hide in cut wood, it is advised to burn firewood where you buy firewood.

Mills, Loggers & Haulers

Ash logs must be heat treated, fumigated, or debarked with the removal of the outer ½ inch of wood. Logs less than 3" in diameter can be kiln dried.

Ash Lumber Manufacturers

Ash lumber is prohibited from distribution outside the EAB quarantine area unless it has been kiln dried, fumigated, or debarked with the removal of the outer ½ inch of wood. The treatments must be inspected and the lumber certified by TDA or USDA agriculture officials or under a TDA or USDA-issued compliance agreement.

Nursery Owners & Retailers

Ash nursery stock is prohibited from being distributed out of the EAB quarantine area.

Wood Packing Materials

Pallets, crates, packing blocks, drums, and other wood packing material fabricated with green (ash) lumber must have been kiln dried, fumigated, debarked with the removal of the outer ½ inch of wood, or have received ISPM accredited treatments.

Landscapers & Wood Waste Producers & Haulers

Wood waste, chips, mulch, and compost of all hardwood species must be chipped to less than 1" in at least two dimensions.