

**Help us protect our trees by preventing the spread of harmful insect pests to Delaware's parks and forests. Use the firewood sold at the campground or from local sources near the park you are visiting. Please do not bring firewood with you into Delaware. *more...***

Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle that was most likely introduced to this country from Asia in solid wood packing material aboard cargo ships. The adult beetle feeds on the foliage of ash trees and does little damage. However, Emerald Ash Borer larva feed on the inner bark of the tree, disrupting the tree's ability to thrive.

The Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Michigan in 2002 and has since spread to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, West Virginia, and Quebec and Ontario in Canada. Despite states' best efforts to stop the spread of this insect, it has killed an estimated 25 million trees.

One of the most common ways that Emerald Ash Borer spreads is through the transportation of firewood. The most effective way that citizens can help stop the spread of this invasive insect is to refrain from transporting wood, including firewood from one state to another. When you travel to a campground, use the firewood that is sold there to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

For more information about emerald ash borer, visit this national site maintained by Michigan State University: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/index.cfm>.