



Date: October 3, 2012

Subject: Important Information on How to Comply with Emerald Ash Borer Regulations

To: Businesses Impacted by Federal and State EAB Regulations

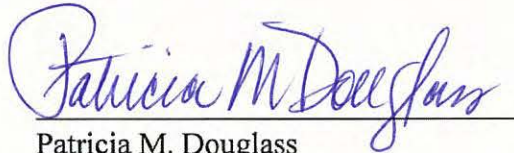
On September 12, 2012, the USDA APHIS quarantined New Haven County, Connecticut, for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This action follows a state quarantine on New Haven County, which became effective on August 9, 2012. EAB was first detected in Michigan in 2002 and has since spread and is now found in 18 states. EAB feeds on all species of ash trees (*Fraxinus* sp.) and can kill trees within 3-5 years. Federal regulations prohibit the interstate movement of EAB, ash wood whether growing or cut and all hardwood firewood leaving New Haven County except under certain conditions.

The state quarantine enacted by The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station parallels the federal quarantine requirements regulating the movement of EAB, ash, and all hardwood firewood from leaving New Haven County for movement within Connecticut. These measures have been taken in order to slow the spread of EAB through movement of regulated articles by humans that could harbor life stages of the EAB.

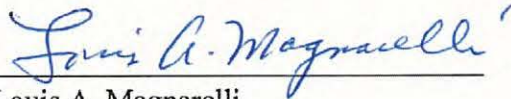
Major industries and businesses that are impacted by federal and state quarantines are sawmills, loggers, log haulers, nursery production and sales, arborists, tree removal companies, excavators, land clearers, landscapers, utility companies, municipalities, firewood distributors and sellers, wood packing material manufacturers, wood by product producers of wood chips and mulch, and any other businesses using ash (*Fraxinus* species) in any way, originating in New Haven County or any other federally quarantined county in the United States.

**INTRASTATE MOVEMENT:** If you fall into any of the categories above and you handle ash that originates from or is moved through New Haven County to another Connecticut county please call the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, CT, at (203) 974-8485 or (203) 974-8440 to find out how you can come under compliance with the new state regulations. The state quarantine order, emergency firewood regulations, the application form for a permit, copies of the permits and conditions, and other information is available on the CAES website ([www.ct.gov/caes](http://www.ct.gov/caes)).

INTERSTATE MOVEMENT: If you fall in to any of the categories listed above and you handle ash that originates from New Haven County destined out of state, you must call the USDA, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine office in Wallingford, CT, in advance of movement to find out how you may comply with federal regulations at (203) 741-5641. Movement of regulated articles in violation of the federal quarantine may result in civil penalties of up to \$250,000.00, one year in jail, or both. It is USDA's intent to provide education and options for individuals and businesses to comply with regulations rather than impose civil penalties. Our goals are to protect our natural resources and slow the spread of this destructive insect. Thank you.



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