

Selling Firewood in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection – Bureau of Plant Industry

If you sell firewood wholesale or direct to consumers in Wisconsin, you need to understand labeling and quarantine requirements that could affect your business. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection offers a voluntary certification program that allows certified Wisconsin firewood dealers to ship treated firewood anywhere in the state.

Quarantines are intended to slow or prevent introducing pests and diseases into new areas. Requirements differ depending on the pest involved, and may change at any time based on new detections, so it's best to check online or with DATCP before moving firewood.



Quarantines

Gypsy moth: Non-native moth whose caterpillars feed on leaves of hundreds of species of trees and shrubs.

- Firewood cannot move from quarantine areas to non-quarantine areas unless it is DATCP-certified firewood moving within Wisconsin.
- The eastern 2/3 of Wisconsin is quarantined. Map at gypsymoth.wi.gov.
- All or parts of 18 other states and the District of Columbia are quarantined: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Emerald ash borer (EAB): Non-native beetle whose larvae feed on wood beneath the bark of all ash species.

- Although the federal EAB quarantine was removed in January 2021, many Wisconsin ash trees remain un-infested. Moving uncertified firewood should be avoided.
- Minnesota and other western states have exterior quarantines for EAB, and other state regulations exist for moving firewood interstate. Check <https://nationalplantboard.org/laws-and-regulations/> for details.

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF): Non-native planthopper whose adults and nymphs suck fluids from walnut, maple, tree-of-heaven, grape vines and dozens of other species.

- Established in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; isolated detections in Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York and North Carolina.
- Avoid moving firewood from areas with known SLF infestations.
- More information at slf.wi.gov

Asian longhorned beetle (ALB): Large non-native wood-boring insect, black and white, with very long antennae

- Hardwood firewood cannot enter Wisconsin from quarantine areas: portions of Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and South Carolina.
- More information at plantpests.wi.gov

Above Images
(from top to bottom):
Gypsy Moth, USDA APHIS
PPQ, Bugwood.org;
Emerald Ash Borer, Howard
Russell, Michigan State
University, Bugwood.org;
Asian Longhorned Beetle,
USDA NRCS NY

Mountain pine beetle: Invasive bark beetle that attacks both healthy and stressed pines.

- Firewood cannot enter Wisconsin from quarantine areas: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan.
- More information at plantpests.wi.gov

Certification

Certified firewood has been treated to reduce the risk of moving pests and diseases. It can be moved legally anywhere within Wisconsin.

- Before moving it outside Wisconsin, you should consult plant health authorities in the destination state.
- In Wisconsin, you must work with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to certify your firewood.

Labeling

DATCP's Bureau of Weights and Measures sets labeling standards.

- Labels on firewood bundles must include description, volume, and name and address of the person or business responsible for it.
- Firewood brought into state parks and other state lands:
 - ~ Must be either certified or from within 10 miles away.
 - ~ Must not have crossed a quarantine area to reach the state lands, unless it is certified.
- Firewood brought into the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest or other federal lands must be either certified or from within 25 miles.
- County and tribal lands and private campgrounds may have their own rules.

State and federal lands

For more Information

About quarantines and certification

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firewood.wi.gov

plantpests.wi.gov

<https://nationalplantboard.org/laws-and-regulations/>

About labeling

Bureau of Weights and Measures, (608) 224-4942,

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<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FirewoodFactSheet.pdf>

About firewood on state lands

Department of Natural Resources, 877-303-9663

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/firewood.html>



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