

## **If You Handle or Move Hemlock Products in Maine, This Information is for You**

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is an introduced insect originally from Asia, which is spreading throughout eastern North America and killing hemlock trees. In an attempt to protect Maine's forest resources, the State has introduced a quarantine on all hemlock products bearing bark. As of 2007, six towns in southern York County are under quarantine: **Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells and York**. The quarantine affects hemlock forest products with bark in the following ways:

- All facilities receiving hemlock products from outside the state must have a compliance agreement.
- Hemlock products may be moved freely within the quarantine zone.
- Maine hemlock products originating outside the quarantine zone may be moved freely.
- In the **low risk-of-spread** season - **August 1 to February 28:**  
Hemlock products may be moved from within the quarantine zone to any facility outside the quarantine zone that has a compliance agreement for HWA.
- In the **high risk-of-spread** season – **March 1 to July 31:**  
Hemlock products from within the quarantined area may not be moved outside the quarantine area unless it has been inspected by a Maine Forest Service inspector (or equivalent from the state of origin) and certified free of adelgid. Certified hemlock products may be moved to a facility with a compliance agreement. **No hemlock material from infested stands may be moved** to outside the quarantined zone during this period. *Before harvesting, please contact the Maine Forest Service Insect and Disease Lab (207 287-2431) to set up an inspection.*

To obtain a copy of the quarantine rules for HWA, go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/laws.htm#pests>

For a map and list of infested towns and counties inside and outside of Maine, go to:

Map: [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/hwa/distribution\\_maps.shtm](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/hwa/distribution_maps.shtm)

List: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/hwa/infestations.shtm>

Or for hard copies of these documents, call the Maine Forest Service at (207) 287-2431.

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