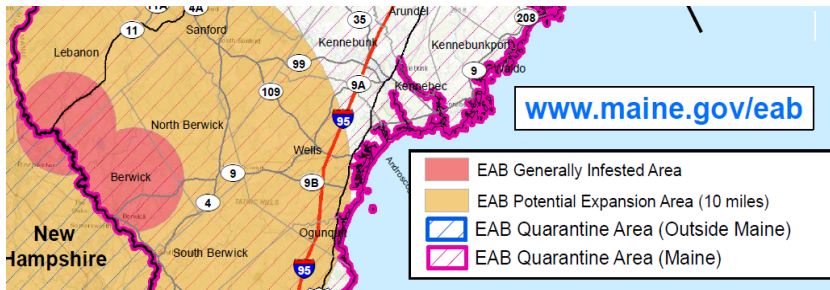


Please help SLOW the SPREAD of Emerald Ash Borer: Guidance for Solid Waste Facilities in Maine

Human-assisted movement is the number one cause behind the spread of emerald ash borer (EAB) and frequently results in new infestations. Solid waste facilities that accept yard waste are at high risk of unknowingly accepting infested ash tree debris harboring EAB life stages. Follow these guidelines for handling infested or potentially infested ash material to slow the spread of EAB and help protect your municipality and surrounding forests. For information on what defines a quarantine or order area, please visit our Quarantine FAQ's at www.maine.gov/eab

Are you in the infested area?

Visit www.maine.gov/eab for a map of the infested area and sign up for updates on new EAB infestations.



Example Infested Area (small, red shaded circles); and Quarantine Area (pink hatched). For a full map of the EAB regulated areas in Maine visit www.maine.gov/eab.

If Your Facility is INSIDE of the Infested Area

The easiest option is to keep all ash materials inside the infested area. Ash material that remains within an infested area does not require treatment.

Ash or mixed wood debris that may contain ash should be chipped or ground before moving it outside of an infested area. Chips must measure less than one inch in two dimensions and be able to pass through a 1.25" sieve to guarantee all life stages of EAB have been killed and the resulting material is safe for transport. If in doubt, Maine Forest Service officials can inspect chips for compliance to ensure the materials have been processed correctly.

Materials larger than chips must undergo another certified treatment, such as heat treatment, to exit a quarantine or order area. Since this is often impractical for solid waste facilities, chipping is often the best option. In some circumstances, coarse ground material can be shipped to facilities with a pre-existing compliance agreement outside of the regulated area during the non-flight season (October 1 through May 1) to be processed or disposed of properly.

If allowed, ash materials may be burned on site to destroy any EAB life stages. Please contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Materials Management at 207-287-7688 to determine whether this is permitted at your facility and obtain a burn permit.

Firewood that is not heat-treated can spread damaging insects and diseases and should never be moved outside the infested area.

If Your Facility is OUTSIDE of the Regulated Area

EAB-regulated areas in Maine are subject to regular change. It is always best to know the relation of your facility to the currently regulated area. Ensure staff can identify ash materials and do not accept unchipped or unground ash material originating from within an infested area. Ask your customers where their wood waste originated, where it has been stored prior to disposal, and if they know whether their waste contains ash materials.

If they have ash material from the infested area, direct them to a facility in the infested area for disposal. Or, follow the treatment recommendations above to treat the material immediately and help slow the spread of EAB.

Contact Information

For questions involving proper handling of regulated ash materials at solid waste facilities, please contact Michael Parisio at the Maine Forest Service: michael.parisio@maine.gov or 207-287-7094

