



*The disease in this elm is easy to see from the inside.*

One of the easiest ways to control the spread of invasive species is to simply not move wood from one area to another, even if it's just a few kilometres. You never know what might be hiding in or under the bark.

Contact us today.

For more information on invasive plants and pests, please contact:

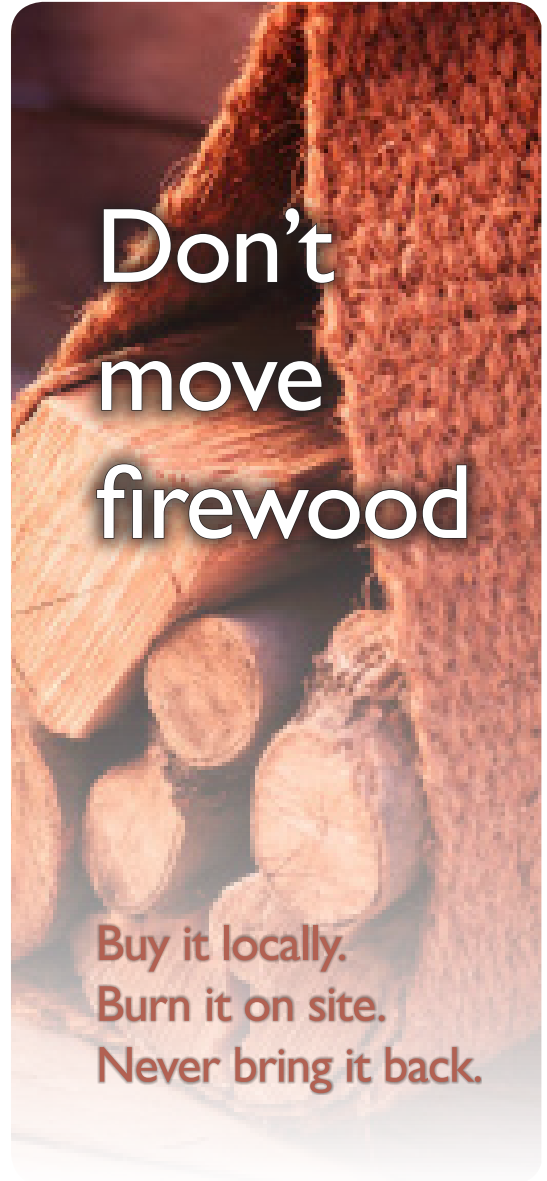
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# A single piece of firewood can destroy millions of trees.

## It might seem difficult to imagine ...

but something as simple as bringing your own firewood when you travel to or from your favourite campsite could threaten and destroy thousands, even millions, of trees.

Transportation of firewood is a common way for invasive species to spread. Hidden under the bark where you can't see them, these pests are moved across Canada.

The emerald ash borer, for example, has killed millions of ash trees in Canada and the United States since it was first introduced from Asia. On its own, it doesn't move very far. Help slow its spread to new areas: don't move infested materials like firewood.

## All it takes is one harmful pest

Invasive species affect us all. They create an imbalance in nature by using up the resources that native species need to survive. Like a ripple in a pond, the impact is far-reaching and can cause widespread damage to Canada's forests.

These pests can cause trees to disappear from our forests, cities, streets and parks. This can affect air and water quality. It can deprive citizens of shade and animals of habitat while damaging private property and reducing land values.

## Moving firewood can be against the law.

It is illegal to transport elm firewood in Alberta, because it acts as breeding sites for the European and native bark beetles that cause Dutch Elm Disease. These beetles are declared pest in the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta. You could face penalties or prosecution by various federal and provincial agencies for moving firewood out of areas regulated for pests.

## Stop the spread of invasive species

An invasive species can be any plant, animal, aquatic life or micro-organism that spreads when introduced outside of its natural distribution and causes serious and often irreversible damage to our ecosystems, economy and society.

### You can help control the spread of invasive species:

- Buy and burn local firewood only.
- Learn where your firewood comes from.
- Find out if you are living in or travelling to an area regulated for an invasive species.
- Leave natural items in their natural habitats.

Don't move firewood

