



HELP PROTECT OUR FORESTS

Your Help is Needed:

Here's one simple way to combine your desire to protect the environment with your plans to have a great time outdoors: **don't move firewood** from your home or backyard to your campsite in the Cherokee National Forest.

Firewood can contain unseen forest pests — often in the form of tiny insect eggs or larvae hidden deep inside the wood — and these tiny organisms can be enough to destroy whole forest ecosystems.

Your understanding and cooperation with not bringing your campfire wood from home is vital to protecting the health of the forest.

Please get your firewood by one of the following ways:

- Buy it at or near your campsite.
- Gather it at your campsite.
- Buy "Certified Heat Treated" firewood from a local vendor.
- Buy your firewood where you burn it.
<http://firewoodscout.org/s/Tennessee/>
- Burn remaining firewood at your campsite before departing for home.

These options all work to prevent the movement of invasive forest pests. Just remember the simple rule: **don't move firewood**. Bringing firewood from your home isn't safe for the forest, and in fact it is often against state or federal regulations.

IT IS A SERIOUS THREAT—To learn more:
<http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>

By buying or gathering firewood where you'll burn it, you are helping prevent the movement of damaging forest pests like the emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, gypsy moth, and others.

These pests don't move far on their own, but when unsuspecting campers move contaminated firewood, they can start new infestations, spreading the problem farther and wider. Forest pests can be devastating to not just the trees they infest, but to entire ecosystems. You might not realize it, but millions of trees have been lost, and whole species of trees have been driven to the brink of extinction — all because of forest pests.



Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer is an insect that attacks and kills ash trees. **It is spread through transported firewood.** The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub or worm-like and live underneath the bark of ash trees. Trees are killed by the tunneling of the larvae under the tree's bark.