

WELCOME TO MINNESOTA!

Tens of millions of ash trees are dead or in decline because of the EAB beetle.



Minnesota's \$7 billion forestry industry is the State's fourth largest manufacturing sector, employing more than 90,000 people. If these hungry pests get to a stage where they become unmanageable, our forest and economy could take a turn for the worse. The value of Minnesota's urban community forests is \$760 million, so both rural and urban communities are affected by these pests. Invasive species could also affect our traditional agriculture and produce production. Many of the above pests have the potential to hurt Minnesota crops.

Hungry pests are facing Minnesota from all directions. Keeping invasive species out is the focus of the Pest Detection and Response Unit (PDRU) in MDA's Plant Protection Division. PDRU's technical specialists are among the Nation's experts in knowing what pests are threatening our State, the most effective survey methods to detect new pest populations early, and how to effectively respond when a new pest is detected. Learn more about our State's work with invasive pests at: www.mda.state.mn.us/plants.aspx.

“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STATE YOU LIVE IN. I COULD JUST EAT IT UP!”

Federal quarantines for

- Brown marmorated stink bug*
- Emerald ash borer
- European gypsy moth
- Oriental bittersweet*

Suitable habitat for

- Asian longhorned beetle
- Light brown apple moth
- Potato cyst nematode
- Sirex woodwasp
- Swede midge*
- Thousand cankers disease*

**State-regulated only; not federally regulated*



Learn more at



WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Buy Local, Burn Local. Invasive pests and larvae can hide and ride long distances in firewood. Don't give them a free ride to start a new infestation—buy firewood where you'll burn it.

Plant Carefully. Buy your plants from a reputable source and avoid using invasive plant species at all costs.

Do Not Bring or Mail fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants into your State or another State unless agricultural inspectors have cleared them beforehand.

Cooperate with any agricultural quarantine restrictions and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property for pest or disease surveys.

Keep It Clean. Wash animals, tires, and gear between fishing, hunting, or camping trips. Clean lawn furniture when moving it from one home to another.

Learn To Identify. If you see signs of an invasive pest or disease, write down or take a picture of what you see, and then report it to your local State Plant Health Director (www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd), State agriculture department (www.nationalplantboard.org/member), or local cooperative extension (www.extension.umn.edu).

Speak Up. Declare all agricultural items to customs officials when returning from international travel. Call USDA to find out what's allowed:

- (301) 851-2046 for questions about plants
- (301) 851-3300 for questions about animals



QUARANTINE ALERT

The Emerald ash borer (EAB) is under federal quarantine.



“DON'T RAT ME OUT... PLEASE!”

How to report Hungry Pests

To report potential invasive pests or diseases, call the FDACS Helpline at (888) 397-1517.

Learn more at



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