



Emerald ash borer regulation for the City of Winnipeg



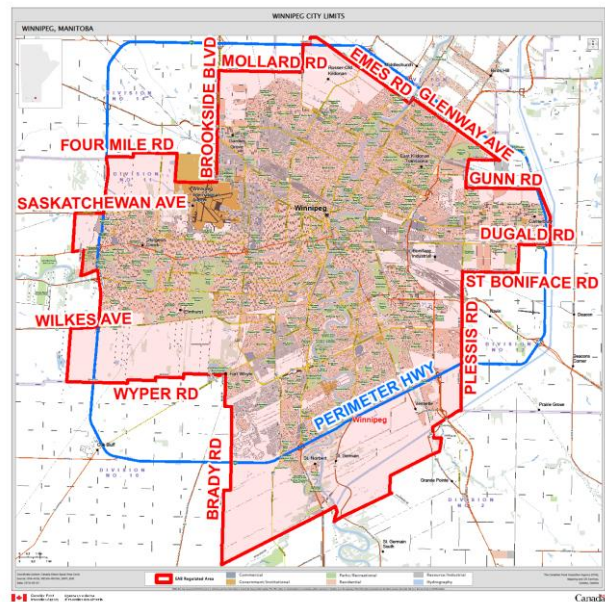
The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a highly destructive invasive beetle that attacks and kills all species of ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) trees. During the relatively short time that EAB has been in North America, it has killed millions of trees in the United States and Canada. Invasive pests like EAB are most commonly spread through people moving firewood and other infested materials.

City of Winnipeg regulated area

On January 24, 2018, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) expanded the areas regulated to control EAB to include the City of Winnipeg.

Effective immediately, the movement of all ash materials and all species of firewood from Winnipeg is prohibited without the written permission of the CFIA.

The Perimeter Highway is located inside and outside the regulated area. The portions of this highway that are outside the regulated area cannot be used to move restricted materials without the CFIA's permission.



Restricted materials

Restricted materials include all ash material (live plants, logs, branches, bark, chips, fuelwood, lumber, and wood packaging) and firewood from all tree species.

Firewood

Firewood is any untreated, raw solid wood material that is suitable for burning and is used for heat production. It often has bark attached and can be cut in pieces, logs, twigs, or in similar forms or lengths. Examples include mill-ends, stumps, branches, slabs, dockings, off-cuts, edging and dunnage.

Wood material from trimming, pruning or cutting down trees and shrubs is considered to be firewood if it is to be burned.

Emerald Ash Borer Approved Facility Compliance Program

This program enables approved facilities to ship ash material or non-ash firewood out of the Winnipeg regulated area without a pre-shipment CFIA inspection and allows facilities in non-regulated areas to receive untreated ash material during low-risk times of the year (October 1 to March 31). Companies or individuals that wish to participate in this program must develop procedures and processes to prevent the risk of spreading EAB.

Firewood vendors, landscapers, tree care companies, and anyone that intend to move non-ash firewood (e.g. split wood, logs, branches, bark, chips) commercially out of Winnipeg must be registered in this program.

Requirements for removing restricted materials from Winnipeg

Restricted Materials	Conditions of movement
Ash nursery plants	Prohibited
Ash firewood*	Prohibited
Non-ash firewood*	CFIA written permission required. Company must be registered in the EAB Approved Facility Compliance Program
Ash material (for example, logs, bark, chips, branches, lumber, and wood packaging)	CFIA written permission required. Articles must be treated to eliminate EAB.

*Firewood is any wood product that will be burned for heat (e.g. split wood, logs, branches, bark, and chips).

Approved treatments

The CFIA will only allow the removal of restricted material from Winnipeg if it is treated to eliminate the risk of spreading EAB. Approved treatments include:

- heat treatment to attain minimum core temp of 56 °C for 30 minutes
- removal of bark plus 1 cm of the underlying sapwood
- chipping to a size no more than 2.5 cm in any two dimensions
- secondary processing to produce wood by-products, such as paper or particle board.

All treated restricted materials must still be inspected by the CFIA before being removed from Winnipeg.

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