

TRANSPORTING OF FIREWOOD

New York has increased efforts to stop the influx and spread of tree-killing pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle and Sirex Wood Wasp by restricting the importation, transportation and sale of untreated firewood. The New York State DEC has recently been stepping up enforcement via roadblocks on state highways of regulations adopted in 2008 for the transport and possession of untreated fire wood for personal use.

The movement restriction would apply to firewood for sale or use in New York. Firewood cut on one's own property, for personal use on that same property, is not regulated. Persons who cut and transport firewood for their own use (not for sale) may move that firewood no more than 50 miles from it's source, **and must have a Self-Issued Certificate of Source, available from the Department's website, or any DEC office.** It is recommended that this certificate be in the vehicle transporting the wood.

By transporting firewood, you could be spreading diseases and invasive insects that can quickly kill large numbers of trees. Help stop the spread and obey the Firewood Regulation:

It is best to leave all firewood at home - please do not bring it to campgrounds or parks.

Get your firewood at the campground or from a local vendor - ask for a receipt or label that has the firewood's local source.

If you choose to transport firewood within New York State, it must have a receipt or label that has the firewood's source and it must remain within 50 miles of that source.

For firewood not purchased (i.e. cut from your own property) you must have a Self-Issued Certificate of Source (PDF, 100 kB), and it must be sourced within 50 miles of your destination.

Only firewood labeled as meeting New York's heat treatment standards to kill pests (kiln-dried) may be transported into the state and further than 50 miles from the firewood's source. Acceptable firewood heat treatment must raise the core temperature of the firewood to 71 degrees C, or 160 degrees F, and hold it there for at least 75 minutes. Most "kiln-drying" processes that reduce the moisture content to less than 18% achieve this sterilization standard.

For more information go to DEC's firewood webpage:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>.



Self-Issued Certificate for Transport and Possession of New York-Sourced Untreated Firewood for Personal Use

In accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 192.5, Firewood Restrictions to Protect Forests from Invasive Species, persons who cut and transport Untreated Firewood, from a New York source, for personal use must complete and possess a Self-Issued Certificate of Source from the Department.

1. Name of transporter:
2. Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:
3. Source of transported firewood (Village, Town or City):
4. Destination of firewood being transported:
5. Approximate volume being transported (cords, face cords, cubic feet, truckload, etc.):

I understand that this Untreated Firewood shall not be moved more than 50 miles from its source (as determined according to the regulation).

I further understand, under the regulation, that no person shall transport Untreated Firewood into New York State from any other State or country.

I hereby affirm that under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and all attachments submitted herewith is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Printed Name and Title of Transporter: _____

Signature of Transporter and Date: _____