



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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**DATE:** July 31, 2008

**TO:** Utility, Tree Service, Landscaping, Trash Removal, and  
Nurseries Companies Practicing in Fairfax County

**SUBJECT:** Fairfax County under Quarantine for Emerald Ash Borer

Two new infestations of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) were recently discovered in Fairfax County; they were found in the town of Herndon and the Newington area. On July 11, 2008, a federal order quarantined Fairfax County for emerald ash borer. All interstate movement of infested ash wood and wood products from Fairfax County is regulated, including firewood of all hardwoods, nursery stock, green lumber, waste, compost, and chips from ash trees. On July 14, 2008, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) put in place a similar quarantine for Fairfax County. On July 21, 2008, VDACS expanded the quarantine area to include the counties of Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

VDACS is responsible for enforcement of the state quarantine within the Commonwealth. Violations of the state quarantine constitute Class1 misdemeanor. Violations of the federal quarantine governing interstate movement of regulated articles will be enforced by USDA-APHIS and are subject to federal penalties.

**Background:** EAB is an invasive wood boring beetle that is native to China and eastern Asia. EAB is present in some parts of the United States. EAB probably arrived in North America hidden in wood packing materials commonly used to ship consumer and other goods. Currently, the entire states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are quarantined for EAB, together with portions of Michigan, Prince George's County in Maryland, four counties in western Pennsylvania and Fayette County, West Virginia. It was first detected in the United States in southeastern Michigan in 2002. Since then, EAB has been responsible for the death and decline of more than 25 million ash trees in the United States.

For more details on the quarantine and compliance agreement for EAB, refer to [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/lti/va\\_eab\\_temp\\_quarantine.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/lti/va_eab_temp_quarantine.pdf).

If you have any questions, please contact Forest Pest Management at 703-324-5304, TTY 711.

Sincerely,

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