



## **New Emerald Ash Borer Quarantines and the Forest Products Industry**

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive species of wood boring beetle, native to China and eastern Asia, which targets ash trees. EAB probably arrived in North America hidden in wood packing materials commonly used to ship consumer and other goods. It was first detected in June 2002 in southeastern Michigan and has since been found in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Illinois, and Ontario, Canada. To date, EAB is responsible for the death and decline of more than 25 million ash trees in the United States.

On Dec. 1, 2006, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) expanded its EAB quarantine to include the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. The federal quarantine, which limits materials leaving the state of Ohio, is in addition to the state quarantine, which remains in place for 26 counties. The quarantines are designed to mitigate the spread of EAB while management options are developed.

Current survey methods are not 100 percent effective in the detection of EAB, making the movement of unprocessed ash material a serious risk to our ash trees. The federal quarantine restricts the interstate movement of regulated materials to stop the spread of EAB to our nation's ash trees.

Federally regulated materials include:

- Ash nursery stock
- Ash logs, stumps, roots and green lumber
- Composted and un-composted wood chips
- All hardwood firewood (including ash, oak, maple and hickory)
- Pallets

Join us on April 23, to discuss the new rules as they pertain to the federal and state quarantines and how compliance agreements can be used to allow you to continue doing business. **Representatives from USDA APHIS and ODA will be on hand to answer questions.**

**Date: Monday, April 23, 2-4 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.**

**Location: Keim Lumber Company, 4465 State Rt. 557, Charm, Ohio, 44617**

Located southeast of Millersburg in southeastern Holmes County between Walnut Creek and New Bedford.

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