

What to do with Ash Wood



Oregon Implements Wood Quarantine to Combat Emerald Ash Borer Threat

Emerald ash borer (EAB), an introduced insect from Asia, is one of the most destructive forest pests in the United States, responsible for killing hundreds of millions of ash trees across the eastern United States since the 1990s. All North American ash species are highly susceptible with little to no natural defense to this insect. **More than 90% of ash trees have been killed in many areas of the country.** In 2022, an EAB infestation was confirmed in Forest Grove, OR, the first known detection on the west coast.

Once EAB is established in an area, it cannot be eradicated. The only hope is to implement management strategies that slow the spread of EAB populations which will allow communities and landowners time to prepare for the widespread mortality of ash trees, spreading out costs over several years.

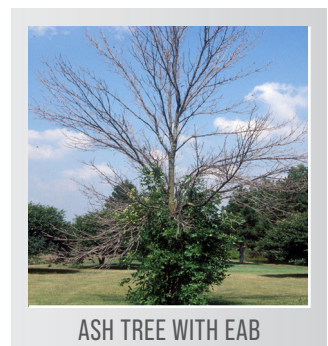
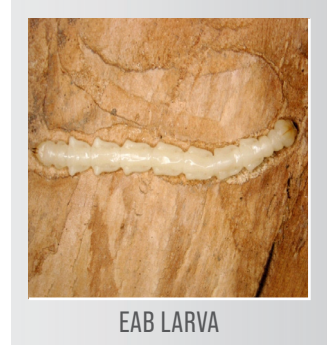
Because EAB primarily spreads to new areas through human movement of infested and raw wood material, the **Oregon Department of Agriculture has established a quarantine for EAB (OAR 603-052-1075). All unprocessed and raw ash wood must remain inside the quarantine area.** The quarantine does not apply to processed lumber that is kiln dried, free of bark and with at least 1 inch of underlying wood material removed, or to finished wood products made from ash wood, such as paper, fiber, pellets, and hog fuel or wood chips no greater than 1 inch in size.

The quarantine also applies to wood from cultivated olive (a rare agricultural crop in Oregon) and white fringetree (occasionally used in landscaping) because both of these tree species can be colonized by EAB. However, the primary concern in Oregon is moving EAB to new areas through the movement of infested ash wood.

EAB has expanded its range to several states by hiding in firewood. Given that hardwood tree species can be difficult to identify among piles of firewood, the **quarantine also applies to all hardwood firewood, not just ash.** Unless properly heat treated to 160°F for at least 60 minutes and granted permission by Oregon Department of Agriculture, all hardwood firewood must remain inside the quarantine area. Please help prevent the spread of EAB by not moving firewood outside the quarantine area and by purchasing your firewood near where you intend to burn it.

For those wishing to conduct commercial ash harvests, all Forest Practice rules apply. Operations must be filed through the state's FERNs system. See your local ODF Stewardship Forester for assistance in adhering to riparian rules and other Forest Practice laws for commercial timber harvests.

Thank you for doing your part to slow the spread of this devastating pest.



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Infested Area Map



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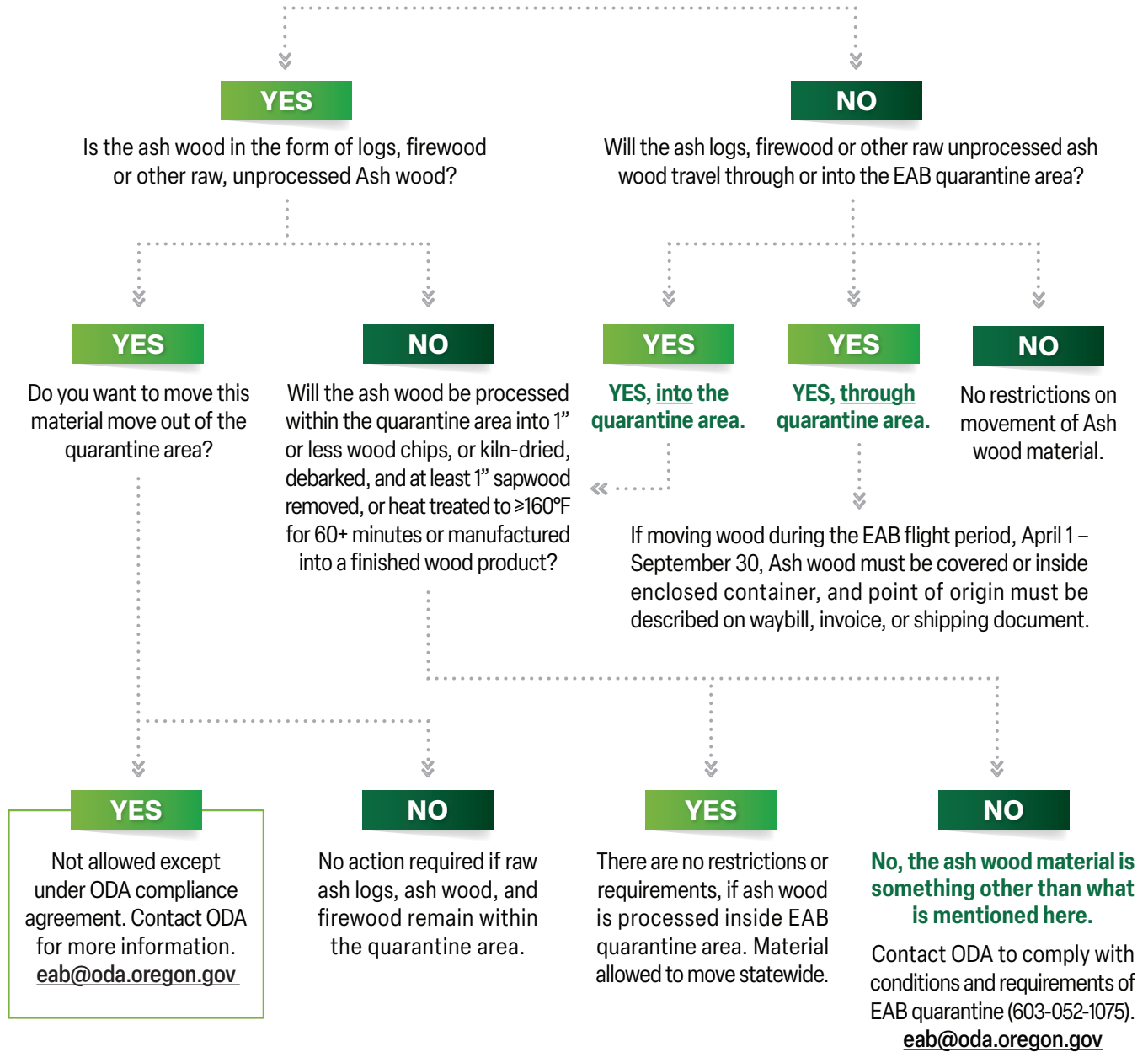


What am I allowed to do with my ash wood?

Complying with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Regulations

Are you located inside the ODA EAB quarantine area?

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Quarantine Map



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