

Quarantine Information

There is a joint federal/state quarantine involving the SD Department of Agriculture and the USDA, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS-PPQ). It regulates all life stages of the exotic wood boring insect, emerald ash borer *Agilus planipennis*. The quarantine also regulates the movement of ash materials.

The state quarantine area includes all of Minnehaha County, Lincoln County and Turner County.

Regulated Material includes but is not limited to:

- any life stage of EAB
- ash nursery stock
- ash logs
- ash lumber
- hardwood firewood (non-coniferous)
- ash chips/mulch
- wood packing material constructed of ash

Regulated material/articles can move freely within the quarantine boundaries.

Regulated material/articles may only be moved outside the quarantine boundaries under limited permit (PPQ Form 530) or a certificate (PPQ Form 540). In all cases of movement outside the quarantine an inspection by SDDA or USDA APHIS PPQ is required. In some cases an additional compliance agreement will be necessary.

Hardwood firewood cannot be moved out of the quarantine area without a limited permit or certificate. It is preferred no firewood is moved outside the quarantine area and that individuals purchase their firewood at their destination.

Any person who is found in violation of quarantine rules may be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.