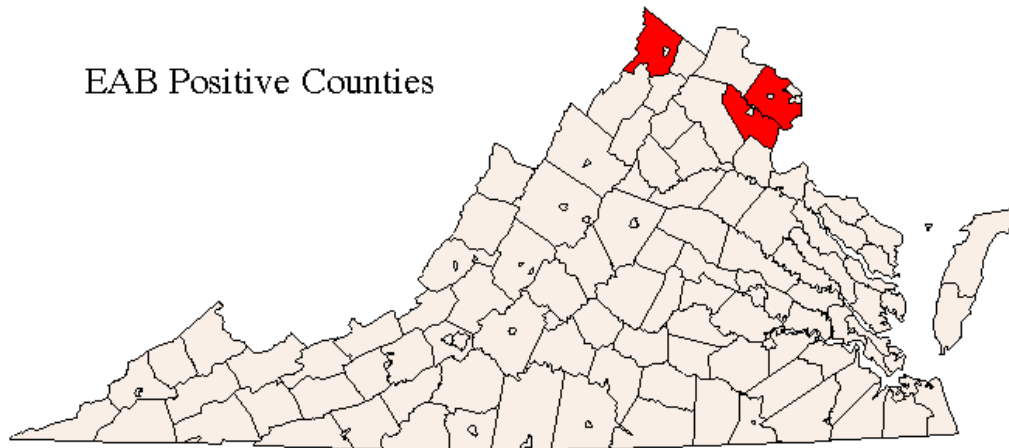


VIRGINIA EMERALD ASH BORER SURVEY AND QUARANTINE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

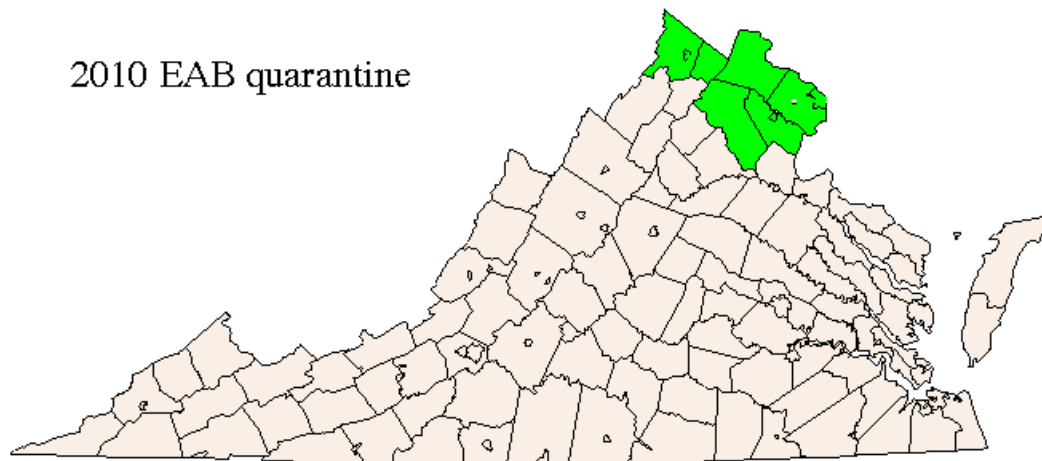
1) How can I get Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) trapping results?

Below is a map of Virginia counties currently known to be infested with EAB. The map was updated November 1, 2011. There were no new EAB infestations discovered during the 2011 trapping program.



2) Why have Virginia and USDA quarantined the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Fauquier, Frederick, Clarke, and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park and Winchester?

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) took this action to prevent the artificial spread of EAB from infested areas into non-infested areas of Virginia. The USDA quarantine mirrors the Virginia quarantine and regulates interstate movement of regulated articles; the Virginia quarantine regulates intrastate movement of regulated articles.



3) If my county is not listed as infested with EAB, why is it a part of the quarantine?

EAB is an extremely destructive plant pest and is responsible for the death and decline of over 25 million ash trees nationwide. Ash in both forested and urban settings constitute a significant portion of the canopy cover in the United States. Current tools to detect, control, suppress and eradicate this pest are not as robust as many other insect pests. The quarantines should help reduce the spread of this pest while the science community continues to investigate biological controls, attractants, traps and pesticides.

4) What is a regulated article?

- The emerald ash borer in any life stage.
- Firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species.
- Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) nursery stock.
- Green (non-heat treated) ash lumber.
- Other living, dead, cut, or fallen material of the genus *Fraxinus*, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted wood chips.

5) Who does this quarantine affect?

This quarantine affects any industry, business, or individual that deals with or handles hardwood firewood, ash wood or ash nursery stock. This includes, but is not limited to, the general public, commercial firewood dealers, retail firewood sellers, nursery growers and dealers, and the timber industry including sawmills, wood haulers, wood brokers, etc.

6) How can I continue to conduct my business?

The regulated articles above may be moved within the quarantined areas without restriction. Any movement from the quarantined areas into non-quarantined areas will require either a certificate or a limited permit, both of which can be issued by VDACS personnel. For more information on specific requirements to move regulated articles, please contact the VDACS' office in Richmond, VA at 804-786-3515.

7) Links to more EAB information:

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info>

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/eab_general.htm

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/regulatory.shtml