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MEDIA ALERT

Residents Encouraged to Help Stop the Spread of Emerald Ash Borer

WHO:
Milwaukee County Parks

WHAT:
Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week declared by U.S. Department of Agriculture
Milwaukee County Parks encourages residents to take precautions to help stop the spread of Emerald Ash Borer.

WHEN:
May 18-24, 2014

WHERE:
Milwaukee County—a quarantine area
For a quarantine area map of Wisconsin, see <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/article.jsp?topicid=20>

WHY

- Memorial Day weekend, the beginning of the summer tourism season, is a time when the risk is high for people to move EAB and other pests to new areas inadvertently on firewood.
- Milwaukee County is a quarantine area. Firewood should not leave the County.
- Firewood for camp sites outside of Milwaukee County should be purchased near the campsite or from a state-certified firewood vendor
For a vendor list, see <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Plants/pdf/CertifiedFirewoodDealers.pdf>
- Residents are encouraged to learn the signs of EAB infestation so that impacted trees can be removed.
See <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/index.jsp>
- Residents discovering an EAB infestation can make a report by calling the EAB hotline toll-free at 1-800-462-2803 or emailing DATCPemeraldashborer@wi.gov
- The insect could impact over 356,000 ash trees throughout 15,000 acres of Milwaukee County parkland

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