

Firewood Policy

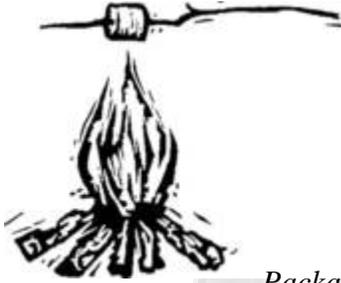
Polk County Conservation Board

PURPOSE:

To reduce the risk of accidental introduction of emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) (EAB) and other damaging forest pests into PCC recreation areas and forests through the implementation of an effective firewood policy.

SPECIFICS – FIREWOOD ALLOWED:

1. Firewood processed and sold by Polk County Conservation with appropriate label. (see number 3 below)
2. Untreated dimensional lumber such as scrap 2" x 4".
3. Locally harvested firewood with proper Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship label. Example is attached of the PCC 2014 Label.



**POLK COUNTY
HARDWOOD
FIREWOOD**

Packaged & Distributed by
Polk County Conservation Board
11407 NW Jester Park Drive, Granger, IA 50109
515-323-5300
Harvested in Polk County, Iowa
\$5 for 2 cu feet ~ 2014 Growing Season

**SAVE OUR TREES! DON'T TRANSPORT
FIREWOOD**

BUY LOCAL & BURN IT WHERE YOU BUY IT

4. USDA certified firewood is also allowed: Bundled firewood purchased in-state at a commercial store (even from a quarantined county) can be brought in if each bundle of firewood exhibits a USDA Stamp indicating the firewood vendor has a compliance agreement with USDA. (See example of compliance agreement stamp below.) The agreement will have a unique compliance agreement number at the bottom (for example IN-012) that will be different for each vendor, but the rest of the stamp is standard.



SPECIFICS – FIREWOOD NOT ALLOWED:

1. All firewood not meeting criteria above.

ENFORCEMENT: Actions to respond to the discovery of firewood that is not allowed.

1. Ask campers to immediately burn all restricted firewood: Officers may use discretion to provide a time period to the camper on burning the restricted firewood (not to exceed 8 hours).
2. Warnings and Citations: Verbal or written warnings should be used for the majority of discoveries. If a citation is deemed necessary it should be written, under **Failure to comply to a lawful order- Interference: 719.1**

ENFORCEMENT: Actions to respond to firewood from quarantined areas: States, currently, either partially or completely, under quarantine for Emerald ash borer include; Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Canada. For the most up to date map, go to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/download/eab_quarantine_map.pdf.

1. PCC Staff will confiscate the firewood and double bag it. Staff will fill out the “Information Sheet Quarantined Firewood from a Regulated Area”.

2. Refunds of camping fees or firewood are not permitted.
3. Warnings and Citations: Verbal or written warnings should be used for the majority of discoveries. If a citation is deemed necessary it should be written, under **Failure to comply to a lawful order- Interference: 719.1**
4. The Natural Resources Manager will contact Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and/or Iowa Dept of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS): He will coordinate with APHIS and/or the appropriate state department on violations involving federal or state quarantine respectively.