

MINISTER'S ORDER
pursuant to
The Forest Resources Management Act

Restriction on the import, transportation and storage of all ash logs and ash products originating from the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec and the United States of America

WHEREAS

The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire) is designated under section 63 of *The Forest Resources Management Act* as an insect that causes or is likely to cause damage to ash forests and trees and that all lands South of the 55th parallel in the Province of Saskatchewan are designated as lands harbouring or likely to harbour the emerald ash borer.

AND WHEREAS

An extreme health hazard to Saskatchewan ash trees exists due to the possible introduction of the emerald ash borer through the import, transport or storage of ash (*Fraxinus spp*) logs and ash products including, but not limited to:

- ash trees (whole or parts)
- ash nursery stock
- ash logs and branches
- ash lumber
- ash wood packaging materials
- ash wood or bark
- ash wood chips or bark chips
- firewood from all ash tree species.

AND WHEREAS

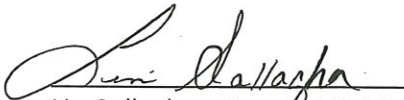
Movement of any ash tree logs and products from a federally regulated area or property with a prohibition of movement without the consent of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is prohibited.

NOW THEREFORE

I, Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister acting on behalf of the Minister of Environment pursuant to Section 24 of *The Forest Resources Management Act*, do hereby order that effective this date of signing and until further notice:

No person shall import, transport, or store ash (*Fraxinus spp*) logs and products from ash trees in the Province of Saskatchewan originating from the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec; or The United States of America without the written authority of the Executive Director of the Forest Service Branch in the Ministry of Environment.

Signed:


Lin Gallagher, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan, this

31 day of January, 2018.

Minister's Order respecting Emerald Ash Borer and the restriction on the Transport, Storage or Use of Ash Wood and Ash Products

Frequently Asked Questions

Pursuant to *The Forests Resources Management Act*, the import, transportation and storage of all ash logs and ash products originating from the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec and the United States of America, is restricted by Ministerial Order.

What is the emerald ash borer (EAB)?

Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis*, is a highly destructive invasive wood boring beetle that kills ash trees when the larvae (worms) feed under the bark of ash trees. EAB was first detected in Windsor Ontario and Michigan in 2002, EAB was likely introduced to North America through ash packing material used in shipments from China.

Where does it come from?

EAB is an Asian species and is native to China, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Mongolia and the Russian Far East.

Does the emerald ash borer kill other trees?

No. EAB kills all ash trees of *Fraxinus* genus. All ash species are susceptible in varying degrees. Mountain ash is not an ash tree and is therefore not susceptible.

How does EAB spread?

While EAB will spread naturally, it is spread faster through the movement of infested ash material, such as firewood and nursery stock, into uninfested areas.

How can the public help to stop EAB spreading?

The simplest way to help prevent EAB from destroying ash trees in Saskatchewan is by **not moving firewood**.

What tree species and products are included in this Ministerial Order?

All ash (*Fraxinus* spp) logs, wood and ash products.

When is the Ministerial Order in effect?

The Ministerial Order was signed in January 2018, and is effective immediately.

Where are the areas affected by this Ministerial Order?

Ash wood products cannot be transported into Saskatchewan from the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec and from emerald ash borer-regulated states within the United States of America.

Why has the Minister restricted the transportation of ash forest products?

The emerald ash borer poses an extreme forest health hazard to Saskatchewan's ash trees. Currently EAB is found in Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie in northern Ontario and throughout southern Ontario and Quebec. It has recently been confirmed in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is also found in 29 states in the United States of America, including Minnesota. The beetle can be easily transported to new areas inside ash logs and ash products.

What will happen if an unauthorized shipment is found?

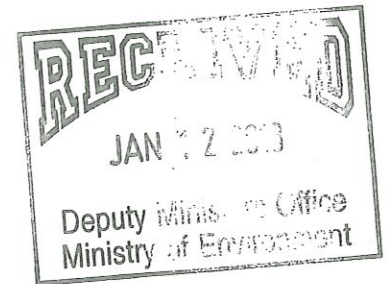
The shipment will be seized and not permitted to continue further into Saskatchewan and:

- a) will be sent back to where it came from; or
- b) the owner will be ordered to destroy the material within an authorized timeframe.

Forest Service Branch
Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
January 2018



Province of Saskatchewan



Order in Council 4/2018

Approved and Ordered: 11 January 2018

~~Lieutenant Governor~~ Administrator

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire) is designated as an insect that causes or is likely to cause damage to forests and trees and to designate all lands South of the 55th parallel in the Province of Saskatchewan as lands harbouring or likely to harbour the Emerald ash borer.

President of the Executive Council

(For administrative purposes only.)

Recommended by: Minister of Environment

Authority: *The Forest Resources Management Act, section 63*

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