

Contact Information

If you would like more information regarding exotic invasive species in Florida, please contact:



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Protecting Florida

Almost every month, a new exotic insect, plant, or plant pathogen is detected in Florida.

Some of these exotic invaders turn out to be serious agricultural pests, such as the Mediterranean fruit fly, brown citrus aphid, Asian citrus psyllid, small hive beetle, citrus leaf miner, and chili thrips. Others, such as the cactus moth *Cactoblastis cactorum*, attack native plants in natural areas.

Since 1986, 150 new species of insects and mites have been collected in Florida and are considered established.

Other states are faced with their own challenges due to plant pests and diseases – Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois are currently battling wood-boring insects. Many of these pests can be spread from state to state by the transport of infested firewood.

You can help stop the spread of exotics. When you travel, please don't transport firewood.



Asian longhorned beetle

How You Can Help

There are many things you can do to help. The most important and easiest of these is to leave your firewood at home. This will prevent accidentally transporting pests to other locations.

Please take these steps :

- ✓ Please use local sources of firewood.
- ✓ If you have already brought firewood from home, please do not take it back home and do not leave it - **BURN IT!**
- ✓ Please do not take any local firewood home from the campgrounds.



Florida's List of Most Wanted

Here are some of the pests currently in other states that could spread to Florida through firewood movement:

Asian longhorned beetle

- Attacks and weakens healthy hardwood trees.
- Currently in Illinois, New York, and New Jersey.



Emerald ash borer

- Kills most varieties of healthy ash trees.
- Currently in Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Maryland.



European wood wasp

- Infects many species of pine trees with fungus.
- Currently in New York and Pennsylvania.



Sudden oak death

- Weakens and kills oak trees.
- Rhododendron is a common host.
- Currently in California and Oregon.



Redbay ambrosia beetle

- Infects and kills redbay trees with fungus within months.
- Currently in South Carolina, Georgia, and North Florida.



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