

Quarantine Updates

Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut

On July 21, 2011, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) established a temporary quarantine in an effort to prevent the artificial spread of this disease to uninfested areas of the Commonwealth. Effective January 2, 2012, the Thousand Cankers Disease Quarantine was made permanent. Localities included in the quarantine are Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Powhatan counties and the cities of Colonial Heights and Richmond. The quarantine prohibits the movement of all walnut plants and walnut plant parts, including logs, stumps, firewood, roots, branches, mulch and chips, out of the quarantined area.

Emerald Ash Borer

VDACS has expanded the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine to include the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. This action became necessary after the recent detection of EAB in the counties of Buchanan, Caroline, Giles, Hanover, Lee, Prince Edward, Stafford and Warren. The quarantine previously included Arlington, Charlotte, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Halifax, Loudoun, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania and Prince William counties and the cities of Alexandria, Danville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park and Winchester.

Under this statewide quarantine, the regulated articles, which include ash trees, green (non-heat treated) ash lumber and ash wood products, as well as hardwood firewood, are no longer subject to localized movement restrictions and may now move freely within the state.

For additional information about these quarantines contact VDACS at 804/786.3515, www.vdacs.virginia.gov.