

VII. EAB Confirmation, Authority, and Responsibility

The discovery of EAB in Sheboygan County will require a cooperative effort between local, state, and federal departments and agencies. When EAB is found in the county all three entities will play a role in the prevention and regulation of its movement.

Any suspected EAB find can be reported in a couple of ways: notify DATCP through their toll-free hotline, 1-800-462-2803 or notify the local authority for your area (see section below). Any suspected infestation will have to be confirmed by the USDA-APHIS laboratory or by a specialist at DATCP. When EAB is confirmed in the county USDA-APHIS and DATCP will first notify any affected individuals, such as local officials and key stakeholders, prior to the public release of information. Second, they will place the county under quarantine. A quarantine is a system of rules administered by the USDA-APHIS and DATCP. The rules are intended to help prevent the spread of EAB by slowing its movement, tracking ash trees from their origin to their final destination, and by using compliance agreements.

In addition, when an EAB find is confirmed in Sheboygan County, one of two response strategies will be implemented. If it is a large infestation covering a wide geographic area, the Incident Command System (ICS) Response Organization, as outlined in the *Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan*, will be activated to manage the infestation. The ICS structure allows for a team effort between all agencies with responsibility for the EAB outbreak to establish a common set of objectives and strategies. The ICS Response Organization will implement the state response plan, gather and assess data, and conduct investigations. If it is a smaller infestation limited in its geographic extent, then small interagency response teams will be created. Here WDNR and DATCP representatives will work with the local authorities in managing the response.

EAB Regulations for Quarantined Areas

In order to prevent further spread of EAB through artificial (human assisted) means, the following materials are regulated in quarantined areas:

- Ash trees, limbs, branches, and roots
- Ash logs, slabs, or untreated ash lumber with bark attached
- Cut firewood of all non-coniferous species
- Ash chips and ash bark fragments larger than one inch in two dimensions
- Mixed wood residue that may contain ash
- Any wood items which could harbor living EAB eggs, larvae, or adults and thus transmit an infestation.

For practical purposes, the minimum level of a quarantine will be at the county level. However, additional surrounding counties may have to be quarantined in order for regulated articles to be processed without a significant cost increase to municipalities. Quarantines are regulated at the federal and state levels. USDA-APHIS will primarily regulate interstate movement of regulated materials. DATCP will regulate intrastate movement of regulated materials. In addition, DNR Wardens have the authority to enforce and write tickets on the spot for the movement of regulated materials through NR40 (Wisconsin's Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control Rule). While movement of material anywhere within the quarantine is legal, caution should be placed on the movement of material across large expanses of the quarantine to limit any further spread of EAB.

Quarantines will primarily affect nurseries, firewood dealers, and mills. DATCP will work with affected industries and communities to minimize the impacts. Compliance agreements are the most common tool used to allow industries to conduct business and move affected material while protecting areas of the state not yet affected. Compliance agreements allow the movement of affected material from quarantined areas to unquarantined areas from October 1 to March 31 and require all material to be processed according to legal specifications by May 1. The dates are determined based on the life cycle of EAB. EAB is in its larval stage under the bark of the trees from approximately October 1 to May 1, thus when transporting material during this time spread is minimized. However, due to EAB typically emerging from the trees in its adult “flight” stage between May 1 and September 30, no material can be moved outside quarantine areas during this period and thus the need to have all material that was moved processed by May 1.

As of September 2009, Ongna Wood Products, Inc. in Sheboygan Falls is the only wood products company in the county with a DATCP compliance agreement. In addition, there is one certified firewood dealer in the county, Timberblaze LLC in Plymouth. For a complete list of dealers refer to DATCP website, <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us>. Listed below is a summary of EAB regulations by industry¹⁹. For a more extensive look at both federal and state summaries please refer to [Appendix x](#).

Nurseries

Ash nursery stock is prohibited from being distributed outside of the EAB quarantine area.

Mills & Loggers

Ash logs cannot be moved out of the quarantine area during the adult flight period (roughly April 1 through September 30) unless fumigated or debarked. From October 1 through March 31, ash logs may be allowed to be moved to an approved mill outside of the quarantine area for processing by March 31. Bark and wood waste must be processed by March 31. These processes must be approved by state or federal agriculture agencies. Contact officials for further information.

Firewood Producers & Users

All hardwood firewood is prohibited from distribution outside the EAB quarantine area unless it has been heat treated, fumigated or debarked (plus removal of ½ inch of wood). These processes must be approved by state or federal agriculture agencies. Firewood not for commercial sale (homeowner use) may be moved within the quarantine area but users should avoid moving firewood any distance from the area the wood originated from to reduce further spread of EAB.

Green Lumber Manufacturers

Ash lumber will need to be processed in an approved manner, such as complete removal of bark (plus ½ inch of wood), kiln drying by approved standards, or fumigation prior to distribution out of the quarantine area. All processes will need approval by state or federal agencies. Contact officials for further information.

¹⁹ Easy Guide for Emerald Ash Borer Regulations, DATCP and USDA-APHIS

Pallet Producers

Ash lumber (generated from ash from the quarantine area) used to make pallets will need to be processed in a manner approved by state or federal agencies. Contact officials for further information.

Wood Waste

Wood waste from pruning, storm damage, or removals should not be moved from the point of action in order to reduce the spread of EAB. Locations for wood waste drop-off may be established in the near future. Contact officials for more information.

Local Authority

Sheboygan County Contacts for Urban Forestry Issues can be found in [Table x](#).

Table x: Sheboygan County Contacts

Municipality	Contact Position and Name	Phone	Email
City:			
Plymouth	Director of Public Works	Bill Immich	920-893-1271 wimmich@plymouthgov.com
Sheboygan	Deputy Director of Public Works	David Biebel	920-459-3366 dbiebel@ci.sheboygan.wi.us
Sheboygan Falls	Director of Public Works	Mike Mersberger	920-467-7901 dpwmikem@charterinternet.com
Village:			
Adell	Director of Public Works	Jeff Kreutzinger	920-946-5363 jhk804@wi.twcbc.com
Cascade	Clerk	Sherry Gallagher	920-528-8642 cascade@wi.rr.com
Cedar Grove	Superintendent of Public Works	Paul Dekker	920-668-6523 ---
Elkhart Lake	Clerk	Jeanette Moioffer	920-876-2122 jmoioffer@verizon.net
Glenbeulah	Clerk/Treasurer	Michele Bertram	920-526-3701 glenbeulah@wi.rr.com
Howards Grove	Public Works Supervisor	James Schuette	920-565-3051 villagehgdpw@tds.net
Kohler	Superintendent of Public Works	Bruce Neerhof	920-459-3881 bneerhof@kohlervillage.org
Oostburg	Director of Public Works	Roger Oonk	920-564-3844 roger.oonk@oostburg.org
Random Lake	Director of Public Works	Daniel Klotz	920-980-0598 dklotz@randomlake.org
Waldo	Clerk	Catherine Parrish	920-528-7534 Waldo-clerk@excel.net
Town:			
Greenbush	Town Board Chairman	Mike Limberg	920-526-3536 ---
Herman	Clerk	George Marthenze	920-565-2934 TownHerman@tds.net
Holland	Clerk	Sharon Claerbaut	920-668-6696 clerk@townofholland.com
Lima	Clerk/Treasurer	Teresa Stengal	920-467-6037 townlima@dishmail.net
Lyndon	Public Works Foreman	Al Steiner	920-838-3249 ---
Mitchell	Clerk	Mari Born	920-528-7776 townofmitchell@aol.com
Mosel	Clerk/Treasurer	Rachel Rehbein	920-565-3700 townofmosel@wi.rr.com
Plymouth	Clerk/Treasurer	Laura Raeder	920-893-5713 lraeder@excel.net
Rhine	Clerk/Treasurer	Bonnie Stoelting	920-876-3413 bstoelting@townrhine.com
Russell	Clerk	Lawrence Kempf	920-894-2370 kempf_vl@tm.net
Scott	Clerk/Treasurer	Billi Jo Richter	920-994-4470 townascott@aol.com
Sheboygan	Clerk	Cathy Conrad	920-451-2320 cathy@townofsheboygan.org
Sheboygan Falls	Clerk/Treasurer	Jeanette Meyer	920-467-1922 townshebfalls@yahoo.com
Sherman	Clerk/Treasurer	Rhonda Klatt	920-994-9421 townofsherman@yahoo.com
Wilson	Clerk	Cheryl Rostollan	920-208-2390 clerk@townwilson.com

Other Contacts

Agency/Department	Contact Position and Name	Phone	Email
Sheboygan County:			
Land & Water Conservation Dept. Planning Dept.	Department Manager Patrick Miles	920-459-1372 920-459-3060	milespem@co.sheboygan.wi.us planning@co.sheboygan.wi.us
Emergency Management Dept. U.W. Extension	Department Director Agriculture Agent Steven Steinhardt Mike Ballweg	920-459-3360 920-459-5900	steinscs@co.sheboygan.wi.us michael.ballweg@ces.uwex.edu
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:			
Urban and Community Forestry Division of Forestry	S.E. Regional Urban Forestry Coordinator Sheboygan Co. Forester Kim Sebastain Tim Beyer	414-263-8602 920-892-8756	Kim.Sebastian@Wisconsin.gov tim.beyer@wisconsin.gov
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection:			
Emerald Ash Borer Hotline	Regulatory Supervisor Bob Dahl	1-800-462-2803 608-224-4573	eab@datcp.state.wi.us Robert.dahl@wisconsin.gov

