

Firewood Policy

Policy

Beginning May 1, 2009, firewood from unapproved sources will not be allowed into any Washington County Park facility.

Guidelines

Approved firewood sources:

- Firewood purchased from Washington County Parks.
- Firewood purchased from a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approved vendor.
- Kiln-dried, untreated, unpainted, and unstained dimensional lumber (such as building and construction scraps) free of metal or other foreign substances. Pallet wood is not approved firewood.

Approved firewood vendors have met established guidelines set by the MN Department of Natural Resources. A receipt must be presented with the firewood to verify the purchase location.

Responsibility

This policy is being implemented by Washington County Parks to prevent the spread of invasive species such as the Emerald Ash Borer. The spread of this particular species and other invasive organisms has been closely related to the transportation of firewood.

Similar programs have been implemented on a regional, state, and federal level.

For a list of approved firewood vendors and more information about firewood transportation, please visit <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/firewood/index.html>.