



Emerald Ash Borer in relation to the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law 4071 and the Grey County Forest Management By-Law 4341-06

Residents and property owners in Bruce and Grey Counties need to be aware that Bruce County's Forest Conservation By-Law and Grey County's Forest Management By-Law applies to all woodland areas greater than 1 hectare (2.47 acres), including those that are/have been/ or will be infested with the emerald ash borer.

As per both by-laws, a land-owner is required to obtain a permit from their respective County when the intent is to harvest trees from the property for the purpose of a commercial sale. It is the sale of material from the woodland that triggers the need for a permit, regardless of who is harvesting the trees. Therefore a permit is required by a landowner when the harvested trees are to be sold as saw-logs or firewood, whether they cut their trees themselves or hire a professional logger.

If a woodland is infested with the emerald ash borer, the owner of that property should consult with a qualified forestry professional to provide options and help determine the best course of action. Infested trees are not exempt from the by-law, and proper management needs to take place to help facilitate a healthy recovery of the forest. An Emerald ash borer infestation is not proper justification for the permanent destruction and removal of woodlands.

The Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law 4071 is available electronically on the County web site: www.brucecounty.on.ca/services-health/planning-services/resource-management.php Anyone with questions about the by-law or their woodlands may contact Kevin Predon, the Bruce County Forest Conservation By-Law Officer, at (519) 270-0748 or kpredon@brucecounty.on.ca.

The Grey County Forest Management By-Law 4341-06 is available electronically on the County web site: www.grey.ca/explore-grey/forests-trails-1/grey-county-forest-management-by-law/ . Anyone with questions about the by-law or their woodlands may contact Lee Thurston, the acting Grey County Forest Management By-Law Officer, at (519) 376-3076, ext. 277 or l.thurston@greysable.on.ca .

