

## The EASY GUIDE to WISCONSIN'S HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID REGULATIONS

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is a non-native, invasive insect pest that weakens and kills hemlocks. To prevent the introduction of HWA, please avoid bringing the following items into Wisconsin from infested areas:

- Hemlock seedlings and nursery stock
- Hemlock logs, lumber, or firewood with bark attached
- Hemlock bark or chips

Infested areas include nearby states like Michigan and Ohio as well as the following states and provinces: Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, the District of Columbia; and the provinces of British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Ontario, Canada.

## Nurseries, Christmas Tree Growers, and Decorative Products

Nursery dealers and growers, Christmas tree growers, and decorative product businesses in Wisconsin that wish to import hemlock (such as *Tsuga canadensis*, any of its cultivars, or other *Tsuga* species) from any of the areas listed above should contact the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to sign a compliance agreement.

If no compliance agreement has been set up, each shipment from the infested area must be accompanied by a state phytosanitary certificate verifying that hemlock material was inspected by a pest control official in the state of origin and found to be free from HWA or effectively treated to destroy that pest.

## **Forest Products Companies**

Companies interested in importing hemlock bark or hemlock chips with bark should contact DATCP to sign a compliance agreement and develop a heat treatment protocol to kill HWA to permit entry of this regulated article.

Though not a common species used for lumber or pulpwood, any company interested in hemlock logs from the states listed above should also contact DATCP to discuss compliance options.

Quarantine boundaries are subject to change. If you have any questions regarding the movement of hemlock seedlings, nursery stock, logs, chips, or firewood, please contact: Meg Sanders at (715) 891-8158 or <u>MeganT.Sanders@wisconsin.gov</u>

Visit <u>http://datcp.wi.gov</u> and search "hemlock" for more information about this pest.

## Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Plant Protection Section