

# Invasive Pests

## Fighting Back

### Stop the Spread

There are many things we can do to slow or stop the spread of invasive pests. The first and most important step is to educate ourselves. We can't fight invasive pests if we don't recognize them and know what to do.

Many of our worst invasive pests are moved by people more than by any other agent. People don't move them intentionally, but they move invasive pests anyway. What can you do to stop the spread of invasive pests? This poster presents some tips.

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**Don't move firewood!** Wood boring pests such as emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle ride along in firewood.

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**Clean before you move.** Invasive pests hitchhike on boats, camping trailers, lawn furniture, and toys. Any equipment that is used or stored outdoors should be cleaned before being moved to reduce the spread of invasive pests.

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**Plan before you plant.** Research your ornamental plants to assure that they are not going to become invasive pests. They may be beautiful in your yard, but will they be beautiful in our natural forests?

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Don't be part of the problem. Be part of the solution. Identify steps you can take around your home and in your travels to reduce the spread of invasive pests. Help us keep Arkansas natural.

**Invasive pests – Taking the natural out of the Natural State**