

WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA!

57% of the State's total land area is covered by forests.

There are over 8.5 million acres of farm land in North Carolina.

North Carolina ranks fourth in the United States in terms of total forested acres with approximately 18.3 million acres, or 57% of the total land area, covered by forests. Our state's forestland provides great economic value and adds immensely to the quality of life for its residents. Our forests provide enjoyment to millions of hikers, birders, campers, anglers, and many other recreational users who contribute financially to local economies.

Invasive insects present a very serious threat to our forest ecosystems. To keep our forests beautiful and healthy, we have to keep invasive pests from spreading and killing many ecologically important trees. It is crucial to monitor forest health and detect pests early and take preventive measures to reduce the harmful effects of invasive insects and pathogens.

Invasive species threaten to alter forest ecosystems from the Appalachian Mountains to the coast, and every resident of North Carolina should understand the risks and help protect our natural resources

“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STATE YOU LIVE IN. I COULD JUST EAT IT UP!”

Dectected

- Emerald ash borer
- European gypsy moth
- Hemlock wooly adelgid
- Imported fire ant
- Phytophthora ramorum
- Redbay ambrosia beetle
- Walnut twig beetle

At risk for

- Asian longhorned beetle
- European grapevine moth
- False codling moth
- Giant African snail
- Khapra beetle
- Light brown apple moth



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WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Buy Local, Burn Local. Invasive pests and larvae can hide and ride long distances in firewood. Don't give them a free ride to start a new infestation—buy firewood where you'll burn it.

Plant Carefully. Buy your plants from a reputable source and avoid using invasive plant species at all costs.

Do Not Bring or Mail fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants into your State or another State unless agricultural inspectors have cleared them beforehand.

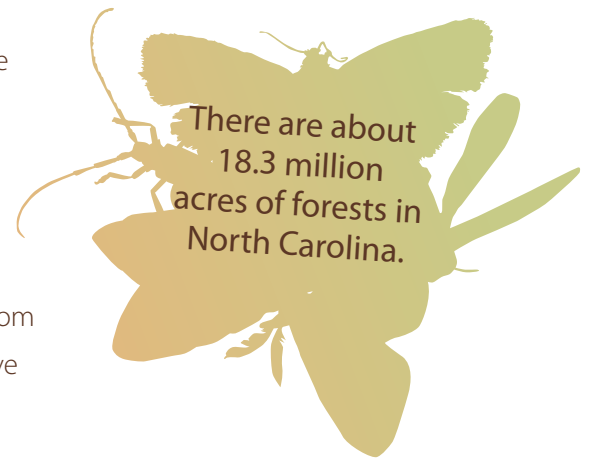
Cooperate with any agricultural quarantine restrictions and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property for pest or disease surveys.

Keep It Clean. Wash animals, tires, and gear between fishing, hunting, or camping trips. Clean lawn furniture when moving it from one home to another.

Learn To Identify. If you see signs of an invasive pest or disease, write down or take a picture of what you see, and then report it to your local State Plant Health Director (www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd), State agriculture department (www.nationalplantboard.org/member), or local cooperative extension (www.ces.ncsu.edu).

Speak Up. Declare all agricultural items to customs officials when returning from international travel. Call USDA to find out what's allowed:

- (301) 851-2046 for questions about plants
- (301) 851-3300 for questions about animals



QUARANTINE ALERT

Emerald ash borer, European gypsy moth, imported fire ant



“DON'T RAT ME OUT... PLEASE!”

How to report Hungry Pests

For plant pests or diseases, call: 919-855-7600
For animal pests or diseases, call: 919-855-7700

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