

KEEP YOUR FORESTS GREEN

Do not cut and transport mountain pine beetle infested pine trees for firewood

Within the pine forests of Alberta, people may be cutting and transporting mountain pine beetle infested pine trees to be used as firewood. What these people need to know is, mountain pine beetles can emerge from wood piles and infest nearby healthy pine trees.

Help the province manage the current mountain pine beetle infestation by not cutting and transporting infested trees for firewood.

Recognize the signs



Look for pitch tubes – cream-coloured resin that looks like crystallized honey.



When beetles bore under a tree's bark, they deposit sawdust in bark crevices and around the base of trees.



Beetles carry fungus spores that turn sapwood greyish-blue.

Alberta has six million hectares of susceptible pine forest at risk of attack by mountain pine beetle. Infestations threaten social, economic and environmental values, including watershed health, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, community sustainability and the forest industry.

To report mountain pine beetle infested trees call 310-BUGS

For further information visit www.mpb.alberta.ca