

OAK FIREWOOD Advisory



Photo by Thomas Ott

San Diego has a new pest that is invading oak trees. We need your help to minimize its spread. The Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) is infesting: coastal live, black and canyon live oak trees at an alarming rate. We are asking the public to *voluntarily* check your firewood before buying or harvesting these species except when authorized by permit.

WHERE CAN I GET A WOOD HARVEST PERMIT?

- Visit <http://groups.ucanr.org/GSOB/Firewood/>

CAN I STILL BUY OR HARVEST FIREWOOD?

- Sure you can!
- There are many other excellent types of firewood: Eucalyptus, avocado, citrus and other types of oak trees.
- Some available oak is harvested from the past fires that has been dead long enough that no harmful bugs remain.
- Typically if oak has been harvested for at least two years, the firewood is no longer infested.
- Whether you harvest wood or buy it, ask whether any of the potential pest risks apply.
If they don't know move onward!
- Burn what you buy per season. Burning infested wood in the fireplace/woodstove will help with firewood movement and may reduce the next emergent population from infested firewood.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN PROTECT OUR FORESTS

For more information, visit www.GSOB.org
or call the County of San Diego Entomology Department, 1-800-200-2337.

