

# 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 <http://groups.ucanr.org/GSOB/>  
or call the County of San Diego Entomology Department, 858/694-3897.

