

VENDORS & SELLERS OF OAK FIREWOOD WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!



Photo by Thomas Ott

Oak firewood from coastal, live and black oak trees may be carrying an infestation of beetles named the Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB). This new pest is killing oak trees in areas of San Diego and is being carried rapidly by the transportation of infested oak firewood. Transporting firewood of these oak species outside of infested areas could spread the pest.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Check your sources of firewood.

1. Do they know the types of wood they are harvesting?
2. Do they harvest wood that is old enough to be free of infestation or from old burned areas? Harvested wood at least 2 years old is safest.
3. If your sources are potentially infested can you sell others that may be safer such as engelmann oak or other tree species?

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

This problem will eventually take out major areas of oak trees around our county and impact your business for the future. You may reduce the impact of GSOB by *voluntarily* taking action to check your sources of firewood and not sell potentially infested oak firewood.

No healthy forest, no future crop to sell!

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

