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Thousand Cankers Disease Quarantine for Butler County

FAIRFIELD, OH – (January 21, 2015) In an effort to protect the trees of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has added Butler County to the state's Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) quarantine regulating the transportation of walnut tree products and firewood. There is no known treatment for TCD. The disease was first found in Colorado in 2003 and has since been detected in 13 other states.

The quarantine prohibits anyone from removing regulated materials from Butler County. Regulated materials include walnut nursery stock, unprocessed walnut lumber, or any other walnut material, such as logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch, wood chips, and any firewood.

The quarantine does not apply to nuts, nut meats, hulls, processed lumber (bark-free and kiln-dried) and finished wood products without bark, such as walnut furniture, instruments and gun stocks.

Landowners and homeowners are strongly encouraged to watch for signs of TCD on their walnut trees. Symptoms of TCD vary, but commonly include thinning crowns, yellowing or wilted leaves in the crown and limbs that dies recently.

To help battle this and other pests and diseases, The Nature Conservancy has created the Don't Move Firewood campaign. Moving firewood can increase the risk of new invasive pest infestations that kill trees. To prevent the spread of these pests, the campaign recommends buying firewood that was cut locally, preferably within the same county or region of where it will be burned. For more visit www.dontmovefirewood.org.

Individuals who have questions regarding the quarantine or see suspicious signs on their walnut trees are encouraged to contact ODA at 614-728-6270 or by email at plantpest@agri.ohio.gov.

For additional information regarding the city's Parks and Recreation Department, please visit the city's web site at www.Fairfield-City.org/Parks.

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