



Department of Agriculture and Food



EHB
RESPONSE



CONSTRUCTION SITES AND UNTREATED PINE

The movement of untreated pinewood materials and products from Restricted Movement Zones is restricted under the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection (European House Borer) Regulations 2006*. Regulations help to prevent further EHB spread and damage.

Construction site workers involved in the use and transport of untreated pinewood must follow these regulations. To ensure compliance, the following guidelines are recommended.

UNTREATED PINE WASTE MATERIAL, SUCH AS TREES AND DEADWOOD

- Waste material must be disposed of through chipping, burning or disposal as per the instructions provided by the EHB regulations.
- Waste material should be disposed of in suitable waste bins.
- The supplier of these bins must have authorisation from the EHB Response Office to safely transport and dispose of untreated pinewood, if to be moved outside of a RMZ.

Non-compliance penalties of up to \$2000 apply

Building construction

The Building Commission has issued advice that all structural pine used in RMZ areas must be treated.

For further information on the treatment of structural timbers, contact the Building Commission on hotline 1300 489 099 or at info@buildingcommission.wa.gov.au.

WHAT IS EHB?

EHB Adult beetles are brownish-black and may have white patches on their back. Behind the head there are two raised, black, shiny knobs. Adults are about 1-2cm long with antennae about half that length. Larvae (grubs) in tunnels or galleries in the wood are a creamy white colour with a rippled body and enlarged head. Larvae can grow up to 4cm in length.

UNTREATED PINE PRODUCTS, SUCH AS PALLETS, CRATES, PACKAGING

- Establish a collection point for products no longer needed so they can be collected as soon as possible.
- Contractors collecting and transporting these products from an RMZ-based construction site to areas outside of the RMZ must be authorised by the EHB Response Office.
- Suppliers transporting products from RMZ areas to construction sites outside of the RMZ area must be authorised by the EHB Response Office.
- Authorisation only applies to products that have been exposed to a RMZ environment for more than 72 hours.
- Any sign of EHB activity should be reported to the EHB hotline on **1800 084 881**.

Contact the EHB Response Office on 9366 2300 for further advice on compliance with EHB regulations.

A brochure and further information on untreated pine movement restrictions can be obtained from the EHB website at www.ehb.wa.gov.au