

# PENNSYLVANIA

## SUMMARY OF EXTERNAL QUARANTINES Updated January 2017

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Web site:

<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us>

Nursery and Nursery Dealer Search:

<https://www.paplants.state.pa.us/Licenses/PlantMerchantSearch.aspx>

Plant Pest Act:

[http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_0\\_2\\_24476\\_10297\\_0\\_4\\_3/http%3B/10.41.0.36/AgWebsite/LegalDetail.aspx?name=Plant-Pest-Act&navid=13&parentnavid=0&legalid=362&](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_24476_10297_0_4_3/http%3B/10.41.0.36/AgWebsite/LegalDetail.aspx?name=Plant-Pest-Act&navid=13&parentnavid=0&legalid=362&)

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**NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION**

All trees, shrubs, brambles, woody vines, woody florist stock, herbaceous perennials, vegetable plants, bedding and other annual herbaceous plants, their roots, cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, fruit pits, seeds and their parts for propagation, except bulbs, field crop seeds, vegetable seeds and flower seeds, regardless of where the material may have been grown or is growing.

**GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS**

All nursery stock shipped into Pennsylvania must have attached a valid nursery, dealer or agent certificate, or a certificate of inspection from the state of origin indicating the nursery stock is free from plant pests. In addition, shipments must be marked with names and addresses of the shipper and the person to whom shipped, and a complete list of contents.

**NOTE:** Pre-notification of nursery stock shipments, when required, should be sent to Anita Ashe’s attention at the above address or fax number, or email to: [plant@pa.gov](mailto:plant@pa.gov)

**NOXIOUS WEEDS**

[http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_0\\_2\\_24476\\_10297\\_0\\_43/AgWebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?name=Noxious-Invasive-and-Poisonous-Plant-Program&navid=12&parentnavid=0&palid=116&](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_24476_10297_0_43/AgWebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?name=Noxious-Invasive-and-Poisonous-Plant-Program&navid=12&parentnavid=0&palid=116&)

*Cannabis sativa*..... Marijuana  
*Carduus nutans* .....Musk or Nodding thistle  
*Cirsium arvense*..... Canada thistle  
*Cirsium vulgare*..... Bull or Spearthistle  
*Datura stramonium*..... Jimsonweed  
*Galega officinalis* ..... Goatsrue  
*Heracleum mantegazzianum* ..... Giant Hogweed  
*Lythrum salicaria* ..... Purple Loosestrife, including all cultivars

<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> .....	Mile-a-minute weed
<i>Pueraria lobata</i> .....	Kudzu vine
<i>Rosa multiflora</i> .....	Multiflora rose
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> cv. <i>Drummondii</i> .....	Shattercane
<i>Sorghum halepense</i> .....	Johnsongrass

## Boxwood Blight Quarantine

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol46/46-26/1071.html>

Pennsylvania considers *Calonectria pseudonaviculatum*, Boxwood Blight to be a serious threat to landscape plantings in the Commonwealth. Currently Boxwood Blight is not an established disease. A quarantine is now in effect for any positive material grown and/or shipped into Pennsylvania. A sample which is determined to be positive for Boxwood Blight will require the grower/supplier to implement a systems approach to mitigate and prevent the disease prior to shipping *Buxus* (*sp.*) into the Commonwealth. The systems approaches implemented will have to be certified by PDA or the state authority of the originating material. Any material found to be positive for Boxwood Blight will be placed under Stop-Sale and will be destroyed.

Retailers or non-producers with positive plant material for Boxwood Blight will be required to sanitize the space where the plants were located. Non-producers will be required to enter into a Non-Producers Clean Program approved by PDA or the state authority of the material.

For details of the systems approach requirements please see the quarantine.

## Firewood Quarantine

<http://www.pda.state.pa.us/Firewood>

The movement of firewood of all types and species into this Commonwealth is prohibited. Firewood includes all wood, processed or unprocessed, coniferous or hardwood, meant for use in a campfire or other outdoor or indoor fire. This prohibition does not apply to the transportation of sawlogs, pulpwood or wood chips to facilities for processing into lumber, paper or manufactured wood products.

Examples of circumstances under which firewood from out-of-state is regulated under this quarantine include instances where firewood is transported to public and private campgrounds by campers, or to sporting events and other events where travelers camp outdoors; or to activities such as Civil War reenactments where wood is used for cooking and evening campfires; or as bulk firewood sold by the truckload or some other volume of measure (cord, face cord, rick, and the like), or as firewood purchased for indoor residential use.

Kiln-dried, heat treated or fumigated, packaged firewood clearly marked with the producer's name and address and labeled as Kiln-dried, Heat Treated, Fumigated and/or USDA certified is exempt from the provisions of this quarantine order.

## Thousand Cankers Disease Quarantine

<http://pda.state.pa.us/ThousandCankersDisease>

Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) of walnut trees, *Juglans spp.* is a disease complex in which the fungus *Geosmithia morbida* which is vectored by the walnut twig beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, causing small cankers under the bark of the tree. The beetle introduces the fungus while it tunnels beneath the bark. As more beetles attack the tree, the number of cankers increases until they coalesce to girdle twigs and branches, restricting movement of nutrients and eventually killing the tree. There is no cure for a tree once it is infected. Thousand Cankers Disease has been detected in a limited area of the Commonwealth and has the potential to spread to un-infested areas by natural means or through the movement of infested articles.

**TCD External Quarantine:** *Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.* (Phyto and pre-notification required by PA Dept. of Agriculture prior to Black Walnut being shipped in to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.)

### **Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis spp.*)**

Red imported fire ants were introduced to the United States in 1918 and black imported fire ants were introduced sometime in the late 1930's. It is believed these pests arrived in the United States in soil used in the ballasts of ships. Imported fire ants pose a hazard to humans, animals and agricultural interests. This pest is aggressive when disturbed and will bite and sting and is a pest of concern to the Commonwealth. Imported Fire Ant is a federally regulated pest.

Pennsylvania requires any soil, plants, or other articles which may move the imported fire ant in any living stage of development to have a Certificate of Inspection from the appropriate state agency from which the article is being moved. This includes homeowner plants, such as houseplants and outdoor plants and baled items such as hay or straw. Certification guidelines are those listed in the USDA, APHIS, PPQ Imported Fire Ant Program Manual. Refer to the Federal Imported Fire Ant Quarantine for additional information.

**Imported Fire Ant Quarantined States:** *Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.*