

VERMONT

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS Updated November 2022

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The information, as provided, is for informational purposes only and should not be interpreted as complete, nor should it be considered legally binding. Coordination with both your state and the destination state plant regulatory agency listed above may be necessary to stay up-to-date on revised requirements.

NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

All woody or herbaceous shrubs, trees, plants and vines, including bulbs and rhizomes as well as buds, grafts, scions and other parts capable of propagation whether wild, cultivated or grown under artificial covering. This definition does not include cut flowers or seeds.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

All shipments of nursery stock into the state must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection or have originated from a state certified nursery.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

The movement, sale, possession, cultivation, and / or distribution of Class A Noxious Weeds is prohibited.

The movement, sale, and / or distribution of Class B Noxious Weeds designated in Section IV of this quarantine regulation is prohibited.

Designated Noxious Weeds

(A) Class A Noxious Weeds.

All weeds listed in 7 C.F.R. 360.200 as amended, which is hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions.

<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	fanwort
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian elodea
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i> (Roxb.) T. Anderson	E. Indian hygrophila
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> (Vell.) Verdc	parrot feather
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	variable-leaved milfoil
<i>Salvinia auriculata</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Salvinia biloba</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Salvinia herzogii</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i> Medikus.....	pale swallow-wort

(B) Class B Noxious Weeds.

<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> L.....	goutweed
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (<i>A. officinalis</i>)	garlic mustard
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.....	oriental bittersweet
<i>Fallopia japonica</i> (<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>).....	Japanese knotweed
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i> L.....	frogbit
<i>Lonicera x bella</i>	Bell honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	Amur honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	Morrow honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Tartarian honeysuckle
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple loosestrife
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i> (Gmel.) Ktze.....	yellow floating heart

<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> L	curly leaf pondweed
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	common buckthorn
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	glossy buckthorn
<i>Trapa natans</i> L.....	water chestnut
<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i> L.....	black swallow-wort
<i>Acer platanoides</i> L.....	Norway maple
<i>Acer ginnala</i> Maxim.....	amur maple
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.....	Japanese barberry
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L	common barberry
<i>Iris pseudocorus</i> L.....	yellow flag iris
<i>Najas minor</i> All.....	European naiad
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> Thunb.....	burningbush

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Subspecies, Hybrids, Varieties and Cultivars Exempted Under Rule (1) *Rhamnus frangula* (syn: *Frangula alnus*) “*Asplenifolia*” (2) *Rhamnus frangula* (syn: *Frangula alnus*) “*Fine Line*”

Designated Plant Pests

In 2025 Vermont Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts declared eight new plant species as plant pests. This list includes:

Declared Plant Pests (6 V.S.A. § 1035)

- (1) Japanese stilt grass *Microstegium vimineum* (Trin.) A. Camus
- (2) Kudzu *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*
- (3) Mile-a-Minute vine *Persicaria perfoliata*
- (4) Porcelain berry *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* (Maxim.) Trautv.
- (5) Wineberry *Rubus phoenicolasius* Maxim.
- (6) Waterwheel *Aldrovanda vesiculosa*
- (7) Water hyacinth *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms
- (8) Water soldiers *Stratiotes aloides* L.

Individuals or entities wishing to engage in activities such as selling, transporting, or moving these plant pests within the state will now be required to obtain a permit from the Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets.

HEMP

Growing hemp is legal in Vermont, but it is regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and subject to specific state and federal requirements. After withdrawing its own hemp program, Vermont shifted the regulatory authority for cultivation to the federal level as of December 31, 2022. See <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/public-health-agricultural-resource-management-division/hemp-program> for more information.

QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID QUARANTINE

PEST: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*)

STATES REGULATED: AK, CA, CT, DE, GA, MD, MA, ME, NC, NJ, NH, NY, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, WA, WV, DC, (in Canada) BC

MATERIALS REGULATED: Hemlock nursery stock and any other article when found by an inspector to present a hazard of spreading hemlock woolly adelgid.

RESTRICTIONS: All regulated materials are prohibited entry from regulated areas except as specified:

1. Hemlock nursery stock originating or held in quarantined areas is prohibited entry into non-quarantined areas of Vermont unless treated by a method approved by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. They must be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate, or a Certificate of Origin, indicating the number and type of regulated articles and the treatment used.
2. Hemlock seedlings and nursery stock from non-quarantined areas shipped into Vermont must be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate, or a Certificate of Origin, indicating the number and type of regulated articles, and attesting to the fact that the regulated articles:
 - a. originated from a non-quarantined area;
 - b. non-quarantined areas adjacent to quarantined counties are annually surveyed and found negative for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid by State Plant Protection Agencies.
 - c. have not been held in an area under quarantine; and
 - d. have not been exposed to regulated articles from quarantined areas.

A copy of the State Phytosanitary Certificate or Certificate of Origin must be signed by a plant regulatory official in the originating state and upon issuance must be scanned and emailed to Judy.Rosovsky@vermont.gov at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Public Health and Resource Management Division.

Hemlocks must be inspected by VAAFAM staff prior to sale.

Click on the following for full text of:

Noxious Weed Quarantine

https://agriculture.vermont.gov/plant_pest/plant_weed/invasive_noxious_weeds

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Exterior Quarantine

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/public-health-agricultural-resource-management-division/plant-health-and-pest-management/plant/plant>