

OHIO

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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DISCLAIMER

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

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/927>

Any hardy tree, shrub, plant, or bulb, whether wild or cultivated, except turfgrass, and any cutting, graft, scion, or bud thereof; any non-hardy plant, or plant part, that is to be offered for sale in any state that requires inspection and certification of the plant or plant part as a condition of entrance therein.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/927.66>

Any nursery stock shipped into Ohio must be accompanied by a tag or poster bearing an exact copy of a valid license of certificate of inspection and be free of harmful plant pests. Each individual piece of nursery stock, or sales unit, consigned to a retail outlet must be labeled with a complete, correct botanical or approved common name.

Ohio does not require the filing of individual licenses for out-of-state nurseries so long as the office is provided with an annual list of certified nurseries from the shipping state.

PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANTS

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-30>

The following species are prohibited from sales or distribution within the State of Ohio:

- (1) *Ailanthus altissima*, tree of heaven;
- (2) *Alliaria petiolata*, garlic mustard;
- (3) *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*, porcelainberry;
- (4) *Azolla pinnata*, Pinnate mosquitofern;
- (5) *Berberis vulgaris*, common barberry;
- (6) *Butomus umbellatus*, flowering rush;
- (7) *Celastrus orbiculatus*, Asian bittersweet;
- (8) *Centaurea stoebe* ssp. *micranthos*, spotted knapweed;
- (9) *Dipsacus fullonum*, common teasel;
- (10) *Dipsacus laciniatus*, cutleaf teasel;
- (11) *Egeria densa*, Brazilian waterweed;
- (12) *Eichhornia azurea*, anchored water hyacinth;
- (13) *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, Russian olive;
- (14) *Elaeagnus umbellata*, autumn olive;
- (15) *Epilobium hirsutum*; hairy willowherb;
- (16) *Fallopia japonica*, Japanese knotweed;
- (17) *Ficaria verna*, lesser celandine;

- (18) *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, giant hogweed;
- (19) *Hesperis matronalis*, dames rocket;
- (20) *Hydrilla verticillata*, hydrilla;
- (21) *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, European frogbit;
- (22) *Hygrophila polysperma*, Indian swampweed;
- (23) *Iris pseudacorus*, yellow flag iris;
- (24) *Lagarosiphon major*, African oxygen weed;
- (25) *Ligustrum vulgare*, common privet;
- (26) *Limnophila sessiliflora*, Asian marshweed;
- (27) *Lonicera japonica*, Japanese honeysuckle;
- (28) *Lonicera maackii*, Amur honeysuckle;
- (29) *Lonicera morrowii*, Morrow's honeysuckle;
- (30) *Lonicera tatarica*, Tatarian honeysuckle;
- (31) *Lythrum salicaria*, purple loosestrife;
- (32) *Lythrum virgatum*, European wand loosestrife;
- (33) *Marsilea quadrifolia*, European water-clover;
- (34) *Microstegium vimineum*, Japanese stiltgrass;
- (35) *Monochoria hastata*, arrowleaf false pickerelweed;
- (36) *Monochoria vaginalis*, heartshape false pickerelweed;
- (37) *Morus alba*, white mulberry;
- (38) *Myriophyllum aquaticum*, parrot feather watermilfoil;
- (39) *Myriophyllum spicatum*, Eurasian watermilfoil;
- (40) *Najas minor*, brittle waternymph;
- (41) *Nymphoides peltata*, yellow floating heart;
- (42) *Ottelia alismoides*, duck lettuce;
- (43) *Paulownia tomentosa*, princess tree;
- (44) *Persicaria perfoliata*, mile-a-minute;
- (45) *Phalaris arundinacea*, reed canary grass;
- (46) *Phragmites australis* ssp. *australis*, common reed;
- (47) *Pistia stratiotes*, water lettuce;
- (48) *Potamogeton crispus*, curly pondweed;
- (49) *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*, kudzu;
- (50) *Pyrus calleryana*, Callery pear;
- (51) Reed canary grass that is sold for use as animal feed.
- (52) *Rhamnus cathartica*, European buckthorn;
- (53) *Rosa multiflora*, multiflora rose;
- (54) *Sagittaria sagittifolia*, arrowhead;
- (55) *Salix fragilis*, crack willow;
- (56) *Salvinia minima*, common salvinia;
- (57) *Salvinia molesta*, giant salvinia;
- (58) *Sparganium erectum*, simple bur-reed;
- (59) *Stratiotes aloides*, water soldier;
- (60) *Trapa natans*, water chestnut;
- (61) *Typha angustifolia*, narrowleaf cattail;
- (62) *Typha x glauca*, hybrid cattail;
- (63) *Ulmus pumila*, Siberian elm; and

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(64) *Vincetoxicum nigrum*, black swallowwort.

(65) *Ligustrum vulgare*, common privet * **Takes effect - January 1, 2026.**

PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEEDS:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-37>

(A) Shatter cane (*Sorghum bicolor*).

(B) Russian thistle (*Salsola Kali* var. *tenuifolia*).

(C) Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*).

(D) Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*).

(E) Grapevines (*Vitis* spp.), when growing in groups of one hundred or more and not pruned, sprayed, cultivated, or otherwise maintained for two consecutive years.

(F) Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).

(G) Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*).

(H) Cressleaf groundsel (*Senecio glabellus*).

(I) Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*).

(J) Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*).

(K) Mile-A-Minute Weed (*Polygonum perfoliatum*).

(L) Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*).

(M) Apple of Peru (*Nicandra physalodes*).

(N) Maretail (*Conyza canadensis*)

(O) Kochia (*Bassia scoparia*).

(P) Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

(Q) Kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*).

(R) Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*).

(S) Yellow Groove Bamboo (*Phyllostachys aureasculata*), when the plant has spread from its original premise of planting and is not being maintained.

(T) Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).

(U) Heart-podded hoary cress (*Lepidium draba* sub. *draba*).

(V) Hairy whitetop or ballcress *Lepidium appelianum*).

(W) Perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*).

(X) Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*).

(Y) Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).

(Z) Hedge bindweed (*Calystegia sepium*).

(AA) Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*).

(BB) Columbus grass (*Sorghum x alnum*).

(CC) Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*).

(DD) Forage Kochia (*Bassia prostrata*).

(EE) Water Hemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*).

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE QUARANTINE

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-57>

PEST: Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*

REGULATED AREA: Infested portions of Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and South Carolina
[LINK TO MAP](#)

MATERIALS REGULATED: Firewood, stumps, roots, branches, debris and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen from all hardwood species; and lumber, nursery stock and logs of the following genera: Acer (maple), Aesculus (horse chestnut), Albizia (mimosa), Betula (birch), , Cercidiphyllum (katsura), Fraxinus (ash), Koelteria (golden raintree), Platanus (sycamore), Populus (poplar), Salix (willow), Sorbus (mountain ash), and Ulmus (elm).;

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles which originate in the regulated area are prohibited from being transported out of the regulated area. Regulated materials transiting the regulated area must have documentation of the origin and destination of the materials and cannot stop except for routine traffic conditions.

GYPSY (SPONGY) MOTH QUARANTINE

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-52>

PEST: European Gypsy Moth, *Lymantria dispar*

REGULATED AREA: Infested portions of the states of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Virginia and Vermont. [LINK TO MAP](#)

MATERIALS REGULATED: Trees and woody shrubs, cut Christmas trees, logs, wood with bark, firewood, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, tents, mobile homes, outdoor household articles which have been kept in proximity to an infestation.

RESTRICTIONS: No common carrier or other person shall move from any regulated area or any regulated article unless the article has been shipped in accordance with a valid compliance agreement or the article has been inspected and found free of gypsy moth.

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID QUARANTINE

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-48>

PEST: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, *Adelges tsugae*

STATES REGULATED: Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,

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Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. [LINK TO MAP](#)

MATERIALS REGULATED: Hemlock nursery stock and seedlings;

RESTRICTIONS: Hemlock nursery stock is restricted from infested counties, unless covered by an approved compliance agreement to prevent HWA infestation. For nursery stock originating in non-infested counties of the regulated area: Hemlock nursery stock shall either be covered by a compliance agreement, or be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate or certificate of origin signed by an authorized agricultural inspection official of the state of origin, with an additional declaration that: the hemlock seedlings/nursery stock, originated in and was shipped from, a county where hemlock woolly adelgid has not been found.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY QUARANTINE

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:5-56>

PEST: Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*

STATES REGULATED: The following states or portions of states infested with the spotted lanternfly as listed here: Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Michigan, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ohio. [LINK TO MAP](#)

MATERIALS REGULATED: The spotted lanternfly in any living stage of development; Plants and plant parts, which include, but are not limited to, live or dead trees, nursery stock, firewood, logs, perennial plants, garden plants, agricultural produce, stumps, branches; and Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance that pose a reasonable risk of spreading spotted lanternfly as determined by the director.

RESTRICTIONS: No common carrier or other person shall move from any regulated area or any regulated article unless the article has been shipped in accordance with a valid compliance agreement and accompanied by all documentation required by compliance agreement. Parties responsible for the transportation of regulated articles should complete and carry a self-inspection checklist which can be found here: [SELF INSPECTION](#)