



SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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Notification of nursery stock shipments, when required, should be sent to Tiffany Hatridge at the above address or fax number, or email to: ppwm.mda@maryland.gov.

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.

MARYLAND NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

- (1) Any hardy plant or plant that survives Maryland winters, including a deciduous or evergreen tree, shrub or woody vine whether cultivated, native or hardy and all viable parts of the plant;
- (2) any nonhardy plant or plant part to be distributed in another state that requires plant inspection and certification before entering that state; and
- (3) any other plant included by the Secretary, if regulating its movement is necessary to control any dangerously injurious plant pest.
- (4) Imported nursery stock is considered Maryland stock at 6 months (during growing season) from the date of receiving the material.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Each shipment of nursery stock moving into Maryland should be from a licensed facility, and must be labeled with the names of the consignor and consignee, and be accompanied by a state of origin nursery

inspection certificate stating that the contents were inspected by a qualified state or federal agricultural official, and the nursery stock is apparently free of plant pests.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

- Amaranthus palmeri*Palmer Amaranth
- Amaranthus tuberculatus, A. rudis* Tall Waterhemp
- Carduus spp.*..... Thistles
- Cirsium spp.*..... Thistles
- Sorghum halapense*.....Johnsongrass
- Sorghum bicolor*Shattercane

QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

VEGETABLE PLANT CERTIFICATION

PESTS: Insects and diseases affecting vegetable seedlings.

STATES: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: Vegetable plants intended for transplanting, including broccoli, brussel sprout, cabbage, cauliflower, collard, eggplant, kale, lettuce, onion, pepper, asparagus, sweet potato, and tomato.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated materials may be moved into Maryland when accompanied by an official inspection certificate from the state of origin attached to each container.

QUARANTINE Information

Please click on the link for the most current information on state quarantines

- Spotted Lanternfly
<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx>
- Thousand Canker Disease
<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/TCD.aspx>

OTHER

The Maryland Department of Agriculture monitors imported plant products to ensure compliance with all federal quarantines including: imported fire ant, Sudden Oak Death, and others not known to occur in Maryland.

INVASIVE PLANT LAW

Tier 1 Invasive Plants and dates effective with restrictions applying:

The following plants are designated as Tier 1 invasive plants in Maryland. Effective immediately a person may not acquire a new Tier I invasive plant. According to phase-in provisions these plants are subject to the restrictions below:

Tier 1 Plant	Effective Date
<i>Ficaria verna</i> (fig buttercup)	April 12, 2017
<i>Geranium lucidum</i> (shining cranesbill)	April 12, 2017
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> (yellow flag iris)	April 12, 2017

<i>Uonymus fortunei</i> (wintercreeper)	February 14, 2018
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Amur honeysuckle)	February 14, 2018
<i>Corydalis incisa</i> (incised fumewort)	April 24, 2019

Restrictions - Except as provided below, a person may not propagate, import, transfer, sell, purchase, transport, or introduce any living part of a Tier 1 invasive plant in the State. These restrictions do not apply to the transfer, lease, sale, or purchase of real property on which an invasive plant is located.

Tier 2 Invasive Plants and dates effective with restrictions applying:

The following plants are designated as Tier 2 invasive Plants in Maryland. According to phase-in provisions, these plants are subject to the restrictions below:

Tier 2 Plant	Effective Date
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> (burning bush)	July 12, 2016
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> (blunt-leaved or border privet)	July 12, 2016
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> (Chinese wisteria)	July 12, 2016
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i> (Japanese wisteria)	July 12, 2016
<i>Wisteria x formosa</i> (floribunda x sinensis hybrids)	July 12, 2016
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (Scotch broom)	May 14, 2017
<i>Nandina domestica</i> (heavenly bamboo)	May 14, 2017
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> (golden bamboo)	July 24, 2018
<i>Phyllostachys aureosulcata</i> (yellow groove bamboo)	July 24, 2018
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> (Callery pear)	July 24, 2018
<i>Tetradium daniellii</i> (bee bee tree)	July 24, 2018
<i>Aralia elata</i> (Japanese angelica tree)	June 23, 2020
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> (Japanese barberry)	June 23, 2020

Restrictions - A person may not sell or offer for sale at a retail outlet a Tier 2 invasive plant unless the retail outlet posts in a conspicuous manner in proximity to all Tier 2 plant displays, a sign identifying the plants as Tier 2 plants.

For more information please visit our website: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland_invasive_plants_prevention_and_control.aspx

BOXWOOD BLIGHT

Beginning in 2017, compliance agreements were set up with some of our nurseries in response to the Pennsylvania Quarantine. Our nursery inspectors are continually monitoring for this disease and encourage our licensed facilities to inspect stock on arrival and set up a quarantine area to keep arriving stock separate for a period of time. More information can be found at the links below:

http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/BoxwoodBlight_BMP_2016.pdf

<http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MarylandBoxwoodBlightComplianceAgreement.pdf>

http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/CA_List_Website.pdf

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Information on Maryland’s industrial hemp law and regulations can be found here:

<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/Industrial-Hemp.aspx>