



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>
- Box Tree Moth
<https://mda.maryland.gov/Pages/Box%20Tree%20Moth.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

Maryland Prohibited Invasive Plant List

Plants on the Maryland Prohibited Invasive Plant List may not be acquired or sold in-state after the regulations effective date. Existing stocks of prohibited plants have a phase-out period of 1 year for potted plants and 2 years for in-ground plants. Prohibited plants must not be in stock after the phase-out period

ends. The updated Maryland Plant List including regulations effective date and phase-out periods is included below:

Maryland Prohibited Invasive Plant List				
Species Name	Common Name	Effective Date	Phase-out Period (potted)	Phase-out Period (in-ground)
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Chocolate vine	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Aralia elata</i>	Japanese angelica tree	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Berberis bealei</i> <i>Mahonia bealei</i>	Leatherleaf mahonia	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Cenchrus alopecuroides</i> <i>Cenchrus purpurascens</i> <i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	Chinese fountain grass	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Corydalis incisa</i>	Incised fumewort	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning bush, Winged euonymus	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	Fig buttercup, Lesser celandine	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining geranium	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Hedera hibernica</i>	Atlantic ivy	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	Orange daylily	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow flag, Yellow iris, Water flag	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>	Border privet	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	Amur honeysuckle	6/1/2024	6/1/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	Chinese silvergrass	7/15/2026	7/15/2027	7/15/2028
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Nandina, Sacred bamboo	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028

<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Golden bamboo	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Phyllostachys aureosulcata</i>	Yellow groove bamboo	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery pear	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Tetradium daniellii</i>	Bee bee tree	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	Japanese wisteria	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese wisteria	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028
<i>Wisteria x formosa</i>	floribunda x sinensis hybrid	1/15/2026	1/15/2027	1/15/2028

Cultivar Exemptions

The following cultivars have been exempted from the Maryland Prohibited Invasive Plant List.

Species Name	Cultivar Name
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	'UCONNBTB048' Lemon Glow
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	'AKA' (Blush Pink)
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	'Firepower'
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	'Lemon-Lime'

Restrictions - Except as provided below, a person may not propagate, import, transfer, sell, purchase, transport, or introduce any living part of a prohibited 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.

For more information please visit our website:

https://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.asp>