

VERMONT

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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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.

PLANT QUARANTINE LIST

Species on the Quarantine List are regulated in Vermont. The Rules prohibit cultivation, distribution, transport, and in some cases possession of the quarantined plant pests. The Agency enforces these standards to prevent introduction or spread but does not actively manage quarantine listed plants that

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become established. The decision to act on established plants rests with landowners and communities.

The Quarantine List is organized into three tiers, reflecting the risks each species poses to agriculture, native plants and Vermont's ecosystems. These tiers are based on both a species' current distribution status in Vermont and what management can realistically accomplish:

- Tier 1 species are not yet present in Vermont. The goal is to keep these plant species from being introduced into Vermont.
- Tier 2 species have been introduced and have limited distribution in Vermont. Active management may still make a meaningful difference with prompt action.
- Tier 3 species are broadly established across Vermont - this includes knotweed and garlic mustard. Local management remains ecologically meaningful, especially to protect areas where displacement of indigenous or native species would otherwise occur.

Subject matter experts review the Quarantine List annually and recommendations for changes provided to the Secretary. Any updates are publicly posted within 14 days of a decision.

If you are working with regulated plant material and the acceptable management practices within the Rule cannot be met, a permitting pathway exists. Permits allow work to proceed when the land manager can demonstrate that the regulated species will not lead to further spread. The Agency will evaluate permit requests on a case-by-case basis.

The Quarantine list can be accessed at <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/quarantine-list>. The Regulated Plants in Vermont are:

Latin Name	Common Name	Tier
Egeria densa; Elodea densa; Anacharis densa	Brazilian elodea	1
Hydrilla verticillata (L. f.) Royle	Hydrilla	1
Myriophyllum aquaticum (Vell.) Verdc.	Parrot feather	1
Cabomba caroliniana A. Gray	Fanwort	1
Myriophyllum heterophyllum x M. laxum	Variable-leaved milfoil	1
Salvinia molesta D. S. Mitchell	Giant salvinia	1
Hygrophila polysperma (Roxb.) T. Anders.	Dwarf hygrophila	1
Salvinia auriculata Aublet	Giant salvinia	1
Salvinia biloba Raddi	Giant salvinia	1
Salvinia herzogii de la Sota	Giant salvinia	1
Pueraria montana (Lour.) Merr.	Kudzu	1
Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms	Common water hyacinth	1
Stratiotes aloides	Water-soldier	1
Aldrovanda vesiculosa	Waterwheel	1
Ailanthus altissima (P. Mill.) Swingle	Tree of Heaven	2
Cynanchum louiseae (C. nigrum, Vincetoxicum nigrum)	Black swallowwort	2
Trapa natans L.	Water chestnut	2
Vincetoxicum rossicum (Kleopov) Barbarich	Pale swallowwort	2
Nymphoides peltata (S.G. Gmel.) Kuntze	Yellow floating heart	2
Potamogeton crispus L.	Curly leaf pondweed	2
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae L.	Frogbit	2

Najas minor All.	European naiad	2
Persicaria perfoliata (L.) H. Gross	Mile-a-minute vine	2
Ampelopsis glandulosa var. brevipedunculata (Maxim.) Momi.	Porcelainberry	2
Rubus phoenicolasius Maxim.	Wineberry	2
Microstegium vimineum (Trin.) A. Camus	Japanese stiltgrass	2
Humulus japonicus Siebold & Zucc.	Hook haired hops	2
Phellodendron amurense Rupr.	Amur cork tree	2
Nelumbo lutea Willd.	American lotus	2
Berberis thunbergii DC.	Japanese barberry	3
Lonicera maackii (Rupr.) Herder	Amur honeysuckle	3
Lonicera morrowii Gray	Morrow honeysuckle	3
Alliaria petiolata (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	Garlic mustard	3
Celastrus orbiculatus Thunb.	Asiatic bittersweet	3
Euonymus alatus (Thunb.) Sieb.	Burning bush	3
Lonicera tatarica L.	Tartarian honeysuckle	3
Lythrum salicaria L.	Purple loosestrife	3
Reynoutria japonica Sieb. & Zucc.	Japanese knotweed	3
Rhamnus cathartica L.	Common buckthorn	3
Acer platanoides L.	Norway maple	3
Frangula alnus Mill.	Glossy buckthorn	3
Iris pseudacorus L.	Yellow flag iris	3
Lonicera japonica Thunb.	Japanese honeysuckle	3
Lonicera x bella Zabel [morrowii × tatarica]	Bell honeysuckle	3
Myriophyllum spicatum L.	Eurasian watermilfoil	3
Berberis vulgaris L.	Common barberry	3
Phragmites australis ssp. australis (Cavanilles) Trinius ex Steudel	Common reed	3
Aegopodium podagraria L.	Goutweed	3
Butomus umbellatus L.	Flowering rush	3
Acer ginnala Maxim.	Amur maple	3
Rosa multiflora Thunb.	Multiflora rose	3
Elaeagnus umbellata Thunb.	Autumn olive	3
Euphorbia cyparissias L.	Cypress spurge	3
Pyrus calleryana	Callery pear	3
Alnus glutinosa (L.) Gaertn.	European alder	3

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.
3. A regulated article originating from or having previously been held in an area under quarantine within Vermont is prohibited entry into nonquarantined areas of Vermont unless treated by a method approved by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. A treated regulated article shall be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate indicating the number and type of regulated articles and the treatment used.
 - (d) For Sections 1-2 (a)-(b), a copy of the State Phytosanitary Certificate or Certificate of Origin shall be signed by a plant regulatory official in the originating state and upon issuance shall be submitted to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets within three days of issuance.
 - (e) Hemlock nursery stock which has been transported through an area under quarantine is prohibited entry into Vermont except in accordance with the following conditions:
 - (i) The vehicle transporting the regulated articles must transit the area under quarantine without stopping, except for refueling.
 - (ii) The regulated articles were not off-loaded in the area under quarantine.
 - (iii) No regulated articles were added to the shipment in the quarantined area.

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.

Click on the following for a link to the full text of:

Regulated Introduced Plant Species (RIPS, replaces Noxious Weed Quarantine)

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/document/regulated-introduced-plant-species>

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Exterior Quarantine

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