

# FLORIDA

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## NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

All plants, trees, shrubs, vines, bulbs, cuttings, grafts, scions, or buds, grown or kept for, or capable of, propagation or distribution, unless specifically excluded by the rules of the Department.

## HOUSE PLANTS

House plants, commonly known and recognized as house plants, grown or intended to be grown indoors which are part of a passenger's baggage or household effects may enter the state provided the plants are accompanied with a certificate of inspection. Should the plants originate from a state that does not offer an inspection and certification service for house plants, the owner must be able to furnish the Department with a Florida address where the plants will be located. This information will enable the Department to conduct a follow-up inspection, if deemed necessary. If sufficient information is given, the plants will be allowed entry.

## GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Any person, nurseryman, stock dealer, agent, or plant broker who desires to ship into this state nursery stock from any state, territory, or district of the United States, shall comply with the following regulations:

The nurseryman, stock dealer, agent or plant broker must be listed in the latest directory of registered or certified nurseries, agents, stock dealers, and plant brokers of the state where such nursery stock originated.

A valid certificate of inspection must be attached to each separate package, bundle, box, or shipment of nursery stock shipped into Florida. In club orders, one tag must be attached to each individual order and another to the package containing the individual orders.

All shipments of plants or plant products entering Florida by road are required to stop at an agricultural inspection station where they will be screened for proper certification and subject to cargo inspection by the Department. All shipments of plants or plant products entering Florida through mail and parcel facilities are subject to inspection and screening for proper certification.

Each shipment shall be accompanied with a bill of lading or other valid documentation. All documents shall be in the English Language or shall have attached an accurate English translation containing adequate information for examination of the product. The following information must be included:

- Name and address of shipper or consignor
- Name and physical address of receiver or consignee
- Description of plants or plant products in the shipment
- Place and state/country of origin
- Ultimate destination of shipment if other than receiver or consignee

## **NOXIOUS WEEDS AND PROHIBITED AQUATIC PLANTS**

Definition: Any living stage, including, but not limited to, seeds and reproductive parts, of a parasitic or other plants of a kind, or subdivision of a kind, which may be a serious agricultural threat in Florida, or have a negative impact on the plant species protected under section 581.185, F.S., or if the plant is a naturalized plant that disrupts naturally occurring native plant communities.

It is unlawful to introduce, multiply, possess, move, or release any plant pest or noxious weed regulated by the Department and the USDA except under permit issued by the Department or the USDA. No permit shall be issued unless the Department has determined that procedures exist to adequately contain the plant pest or noxious weed or that it will not pose a threat to the agricultural industry or the environment.

**A list of Florida's noxious weeds and prohibited aquatic plants may be viewed at the following link under section 5B-57.007:**

**<https://flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-57>**

## QUARANTINES AND SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

### PLANT PEST OF QUARANTINE SIGNIFICANCE – Rule 5B-3

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** All plants and plant products.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Plant and plant products found to be infested or infected with or exposed to a plant pest not known to be established or of limited distribution in the state of Florida and the pest is determined to be potentially damaging to Florida agriculture shall not be allowed to enter Florida.

### HOST FRUIT OF FRUIT FLIES – Rule 5B-3

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** All areas infested.

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** All host fruit which is known to be or found to be a host or articles that may be infested of any fruit flies.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Host fruit is prohibited into the State of Florida unless accompanied by a certificate issued by an authorized representative of the USDA or the state of origin denoting the absence of fruit flies or having complied with a treatment established by the Department or USDA to insure freedom from fruit flies.

### CITRUS – Rule 5B-3

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Any and all kinds of citrus plants and parts thereof including but not limited to all genera of the *Rutaceae* subfamilies *Aurantioideae*, *Rutoideae*, and *Toddalioideae*. **Exemption:** Citrus fruits.

**RESTRICTIONS:** It is unlawful to move into Florida any and all kinds of citrus trees and parts thereof except by a special permit issued by the Director. Federal Domestic Quarantines regulate the interstate movement of fruit from areas known to harbor fruit flies injurious to citrus.

## **SUGARCANE – Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Propagative parts of sugarcane including all species of the genus *Saccharum* and all species of its close relatives *Imperata*, *Miscanthidium*, *Miscanthus*, *Rapidum*, *Erianthus*, and *Sorghum* and all hybrids, selections, varieties, or clones thereof.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of propagative parts of sugarcane into Florida is prohibited unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the Director. **Exemption:** Sorghum seed provided it is apparently free from plant pests.

## **PEA LEAF MINER HOST MATERIAL Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** CA

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Green onions, sugar snap peas, snow peas, and English Peas (in the pod).

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of these regulated materials into Florida requires a certificate issued by the state of origin indicating freedom from pea leaf miner.

## **APHID (*NASONONIA RIBISNIGRI*) HOST MATERIAL Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** CA

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Organic Lettuce.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of the regulated material into Florida requires a certificate issued by the state of origin indicating freedom from aphids (*Nasonovia ribisnigri*).

### **OLIVE PLANTS Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** CA

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Field grown olive plants.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of the regulated materials into Florida requires a phytosanitary certificate issued by the state of origin with a treatment listed and an additional declaration “This is to certify the plants in this shipment are in compliance with Rule 5B-3.0035, F.A.C., were inspected and found free olive fruit and of all life stages of olive fruit fly and are nematode certified”. All fruit must be removed, and trees must be treated, including the root ball with an approved treatment for olive fruit fly. Nematode certification for trees should be provided based on negative sampling protocols similar to those used with the California Master Permit QC 390.

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Olive Plants (Not Field Grown)

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of the regulated materials into Florida requires a phytosanitary certificate issued by the state of origin with an additional declaration “This is to certify the plants in this shipment are in compliance with Rule 5B-3.0035, F.A.C., were inspected and found free of olive fruit and all life stages of olive fruit fly, and the growing media was removed or replaced.”. All fruit must be removed, and within two weeks prior to shipment, the growing medium shall be removed from the plants leaving the minimum amount necessary to sustain the vitality of the plant during transport, and if replanted, the plants are repotted into a sterile growing medium.

### **OLIVE CUT FLORAL MATERIAL Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** CA

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Olive cut floral material.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of the regulated materials into Florida require all olive fruit to be removed before shipment.

### **COTTON SEED BUG Rule 5B-3**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-3>**

**STATES REGULATED:** Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Santa Barbara Counties in California.

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** All nursery stock in the family Malvaceae (including but not inclusive to the species: *Alyogyne huegelii* (blue hibiscus), *Lavatera assurgentiflora* (island marrow), *Lagunaria patersonii* (primrose tree), *Abutilon palmeri* (palmer mallow), *Hibiscus* species and *Abutilon* species).

**RESTRICTIONS:** All fruiting (seed pods or seeds) bodies must be removed from plants being shipped to Florida. A nursery environs survey must be conducted for cotton seed bug. Only plant material originating from a nursery certified free of cotton seed bug and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the additional declaration, **“The plants in the shipment have been inspected and found free of cotton seed bug”** will be allowed entry.

### **OAK WILT DISEASE – Rule 5B-26**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-26>**

**STATES REGULATED:** AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV, WI, and any other state, where oak wilt is determined to be established.

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Plants of oak (*Quercus spp.*), chestnut (*Castanea spp.*), chinquapin (*Castanopsis spp.*) and tanbark oak (*Lithocarpus densiflora*), and any parts of such plants for propagation, except seed.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of host plants into the state from an infested or regulated area is prohibited except by master permit issued by the Director. The movement of firewood with bark and unpeeled lumber into the state from an infested or regulated area is prohibited except by a certificate issued by an authorized representative of the state of origin. The certificate shall state that these regulated articles have been treated in a manner approved by the Department to minimize risk of inadvertent introduction of oak wilt disease.

### **SEED POTATO PESTS – Rule 5B-33**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-33>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Seed potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*)

**RESTRICTIONS:** All potatoes to be sold for propagation in Florida must meet U.S. No. 1 seed potato requirements as set forth in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Seed Potatoes. All potatoes to be sold for seed in Florida must have been grown under a seed potato certification program of the state or country of origin, and each bag must be accompanied by a certificate issued by the agency administering the seed potato certification program.

### **LETTUCE MOSAIC Rule 5B-38**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-38>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Lettuce seed and plants for commercial use.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Lettuce seed and/or plants moved into, sold, or planted for commercial lettuce production in Florida shall be certified as having been tested for lettuce mosaic virus by a testing facility approved by the Department or by special permit issued by the Director.

### **PHYTOPHAGOUS SNAILS AND SLUGS Rule 5B-43**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-43>**

**STATES REGULATED:** AZ, CA, HI, NM, OR, TX, WA

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Any plant, plant product, or other regulated article capable of transporting or harboring plant-feeding snails. This includes but is not limited to nursery stock, organic and non-commercial produce, grass sod, cut foliage, and cut Christmas trees.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of regulated articles from an area of concern may enter Florida under a master permit issued by the Department or with a certificate issued by the state of origin indicating the articles have been inspected and are free from phytophagous snails and slugs. **Exemptions:** Round and hard fruits and vegetables that do not have the leaves attached (e.g., avocados, citrus); celery that has been cleaned,

processed, and packaged; and fruit or vegetables that have been chopped and packaged or that are in vacuum-sealed containers.

#### **DOGWOOD ANTHRACNOSE Rule 5B-55**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-55>**

**STATES REGULATED:** AL, CT, DE, GA, ID, MA, MD, NJ, NY, NC, OR, PA, SC, TN, VA, WA, WV and any other state, where dogwood anthracnose is determined to be established.

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** A dogwood plant (*Cornus* spp.) or part thereof or any other plant or part thereof which is capable of harboring or transporting dogwood anthracnose in any of its life stages.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of a host plant into the state from an infested or regulated area is prohibited except by master permit issued by the Director.

#### **FIREWOOD AND UNPROCESSED WOOD PRODUCTS Rule 5B-65**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-65>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** Firewood or Unprocessed Wood Products including palm products and cut Christmas trees. Bark, trunks, limbs, stumps, or other woody plant material that results from yard waste, tree trimming, tree removal including wood, incorporated into the construction of furniture, handicrafts, planting containers or other products that have not been treated, processed, or finished to eliminate pests and diseases.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Commercial shipments of firewood and unprocessed wood products entering the state is prohibited except by master permit issued by the Director. Non-Commercial shipments of firewood entering the state may be allowed entry if sufficient destination information is given and the product is intended for immediate use.

**APIARY INSPECTION LAW - PESTS OF HONEYBEES AND UNWANTED RACES OF HONEYBEES Rule 5B-54**

**\*For full regulation summary and additional information go to:**

**<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5B-54>**

**STATES REGULATED:** ALL

**MATERIALS REGULATED:** American foulbrood, *Tropilaelaps clareae*, varroa mite, African honeybee, Cape honeybee, any honeybee race or pest determined by the Department to be a threat to the state, used beekeeping equipment or fixtures and any other article capable of transporting a regulated pest or an unwanted race of honeybees.

**RESTRICTIONS:** The movement of all honeybees, beekeeping equipment, or other regulated articles is prohibited entry into the State of Florida unless accompanied by a certificate issued by the state of origin Department of Agriculture certifying that the regulated articles were inspected and found to meet Florida's entry requirements.