



Following state plant health quarantines

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) establishes quarantines to minimize the spread of harmful insects, plant disease and other pests. This means that plant products must be certified as free of the pests or disease identified in the quarantine before they can be moved into our state or, in some cases, within our state. Violating quarantines can result in shipments being rejected or destroyed at the destination, or monetary penalties against violators.

Regulated nursery stock in Washington

Barberry and Mahonia

- All *Barberry*, *Mahonia*, and *Mahoberberis*.
- All plants of this type sold in Washington must be on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Black Stem Rust resistant list under [7 CFR 301.38-2](#), available at aphis.usda.gov.

Blueberry and Cranberry

- All *Vaccinium corymbosum* and *Vaccinium macrocarpon*
- All plants of this type sold in or shipped into Washington must be tested and found free of Blueberry Scorch Virus.
- A Certificate of Quarantine Compliance must accompany each shipment.

Filbert or Hazelnut

- All plant parts of *Corylus spp.*, except nuts.
- All plants of this type sold in or shipped into Washington must be free of Eastern Filbert Blight.
- A Certificate of Quarantine Compliance must accompany each shipment.



Notification Rule

Washington nurseries receiving tree and shrub nursery stock imported from any out-of-state source are required to notify WSDA.

Notification must include the species of plant(s), quantities of each species, source of each shipment and the receiving nursery's contact information, including telephone numbers and e-mail address. Copies of regular shipping documents such as load lists with this information are encouraged.

Email your invoice or packing list to: nursery@agr.wa.gov or fax the complete information to (360) 902-2094.

After notifying WSDA, you must hold all woody plant shipments coming into Washington State for 24 hours to give inspectors time to examine the plants. Notifying WSDA 24 hours before receiving a shipment will limit delays in offering your plants for sale.

Hops

- All plant parts of *Humulus lupulus L.* except cones.
- Only hops plants originating from Washington, Oregon, or Idaho are permitted. All others are prohibited.

Grapevines

- All *Vitis spp.* plants, cuttings, and rootstocks.
- All plants of this type shipped into Washington must come from official state virus certification programs (California or Oregon), and be free of certain diseases and insect pests.
- A Certificate of Quarantine Compliance must accompany each shipment.

Noxious weeds and prohibited plants

- All plants, plant parts and seeds of over 100 various plant species within this category.
- It is illegal to buy, sell or transport those species in Washington that are listed under Washington's Noxious weed, seed and plant quarantine rule, [WAC 16-752](#).

Container plants, plants with roots and soil

- Shipments of these products into Washington from areas infested with Japanese beetle. To learn which areas are regulated, visit [aphis.usda.gov](#) and type "Japanese beetle" in the search box.
- A Certificate of Quarantine Compliance is required for each shipment. Pre-notification is required.
- Plants free from soil are exempt from quarantine.

To learn more about nursery laws, interstate shipment of plant materials, or plant health quarantines, contact the WSDA Plant Services Program at:

nursery@agr.wa.gov or (360) 902-1874,

or go to

[agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/PlantQuarantines/
PlantQuarantines.aspx](http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/PlantQuarantines/PlantQuarantines.aspx).



Are you properly licensed?

Anyone handling or selling horticultural plants is considered a "nursery dealer" and must have a nursery license for each place of business where plants are sold. This includes wholesalers, retailers, growers, landscapers, shippers and brokers who sell plants, rootstocks or cuttings as a part of their business. The nursery license is an endorsement added to your master business license.

Fees for the nursery endorsement are based on the volume of plant sales and range from \$63 to \$274 annually. Having an endorsement entitles the nursery to 2 to 4 hours of free annual inspection. An inspection during growing season ensures you sell plants free of pest infestation and meet interstate shipping requirements.

Selling plants or cuttings without an endorsement can result in a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Violators may have plants held from sale until they are properly endorsed.

For information on obtaining a nursery endorsement, contact the Business License Service at www.bls.dor.wa.gov/nursery.aspx or 1-800-451-7985.