

# MASSACHUSETTS

## SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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### NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Trees, shrubs, woody plants and strawberry plants, whether wild or cultivated and parts thereof for propagation.

### GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

All nursery stock moving into Massachusetts must have attached a copy of a valid inspection certificate of the state of origin and is subject to inspection. Anyone receiving nursery stock must immediately notify the Bureau, giving name and address of the consignee and other information as required. Infested or infected nursery stock may be destroyed, treated or returned to the consignor at the consignor's expense.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS

*Prohibited Plant List to be released in Fall '05 – lists noxious and invasive plants.*

### QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

#### WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST QUARANTINE

PEST: The fungus *Cronartium ribicola* which causes white pine blister rust.

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: Plants of *Ribes spp.*

RESTRICTIONS: (1) *Ribes nigrum* is prohibited from all parts of the state. (2) Possession and planting of all other *Ribes spp.* is prohibited from many towns in MA; contact the Bureau of Farm Products & Plant Industries (617-727-3020 x 124) for a list of towns. (3) Entry of *Ribes spp.* into unregulated areas must be accompanied by a control area permit issued by the Bureau of Farm Products & Plant Industries (617-727-3020 x 124).