

MAINE

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Any woody plants and herbaceous plants and all viable parts of these plants, except cut flowers, cut Christmas trees, dried plants, field crops and seeds.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Any nursery stock shipped into Maine shall have an inspection certificate, issued by the appropriate regulatory official of the state of origin, attached to each package and the contents must be apparently free of plant pests.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

[Note: The following list of noxious weeds is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection (38 MRS section 410-N)]

- Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)
- Variable-leaf water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)
- Parrot feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)
- Water chestnut (*Tapa natans*)
- Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)
- Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*)

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Curly leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)
European naiad (*Najas minor*)
Brazilian elodea (*Egeria densa*)
Frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)
Yellow floating heart (*Nymphoides peltata*)

QUARANTINES AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID QUARANTINE

PEST: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*)

STATES REGULATED: AK, CA, CT, DE, NC, NJ, OR, RI, WA, and parts of: GA, MA, MD, NH, NY, PA, SC, TN, VA, WV or any county included on the USDA Forest Service's publication "List of Counties and States with Known Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Infestations"

MATERIALS REGULATED: Hemlock seedlings, nursery stock, logs, lumber with bark, chips with bark and uncomposted bark

RESTRICTIONS: All regulated materials are prohibited entry from regulated states unless, the hemlock logs, lumber and/or chips and bark are destined to a preapproved site or other materials are treated by a method approved by the Director of the Division of Plant Industry. Hemlock seedlings and nursery stock from unregulated areas must be accompanied by a certificate.

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 counties. (2) Possession and planting of all other species of *Ribes* is prohibited in the following counties: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, York and parts of Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington.

PINE SHOOT BEETLE QUARANTINE

PEST: Pine Shoot Beetle, *Tomicus piniperda*

STATES REGULATED: All currently under federal regulation for this pest.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Pinus species (destined for Aroostook or Washington Counties) as regulated in the federal quarantine.

RESTRICTIONS: Stock must be in compliance with federal quarantine. (Maine has all counties except for Aroostook and Washington Counties currently under a federal-state internal quarantine.)

POTATO QUARANTINE

PEST: Columbia Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*).

Bacterial ring rot (*Clavibacter michiganense pv. sepedonicum* or *Corynebacterium sepedonicum*).

STATES REGULATED: For Columbia Root Knot Nematode – OR, WA, ID and parts of NV, CA, CO, UT, VA For Bacterial Ring Rot – wherever it is present.

MATERIALS REGULATED: potato tubers, used containers, bags, machinery, and implements.

RESTRICTIONS: Seed and processing potatoes from a regulated area cannot enter the State of Maine. Tablestock potatoes can enter the state if they have been washed, there is no evidence of internal defects caused by the regulated pests, the potatoes have been treated with a sprout inhibitor when shipped between February 1 and May 30 of each year, and they are packed in consumer bags. Used machinery and equipment can enter Maine only if it has been thoroughly washed and disinfested, and used bags are prohibited entry.

IMPORTED SEED POTATOES

No potato seed may be planted in the State of Maine in lots of one acre or more unless it meets the minimum disease standards of Maine certified seed as defined by the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Such standards are included in the Department's "Rules Governing Certification of Seed Potatoes in the State of Maine" (CMR 01-001, Chapter 252).