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## SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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### NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Nursery stock: Hardy, cultivated or wild woody plants, such as trees, evergreens, shrubs and vines, and small fruits such as strawberries and raspberries. (Note: this last part is interpreted to mean that small fruit plants - not the fruits - are the regulated entities.)

### GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Any nursery stock shipped into Iowa must have attached, either to the plants or to the package containing the plants, a tag or label showing the nature and quantity of the contents, the locality where they were grown, and the name and addresses of both shipper and receiver. Also required, either on or accompanying the shipment, is a certificate of inspection from the plant regulatory official of the shipping state, territory, district, or country stating the articles have been inspected and found free from plant pests. Woody plants originating from areas under quarantine for the gypsy moth must be accompanied by a certificate or federal stamp stating that the stock is free from gypsy moth infestation. Iowa abides by the requirements outlined in the NPB Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan. And all firewood must be labeled with the County and State of harvest origin.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS

#### PRIMARY NOXIOUS WEEDS:

Buckthorn..... *Rhamnus* spp., not to include *Frangula alnus*, syn. *Rhamnus frangula*  
Bull thistle..... *Cirsium vulgare*  
Canada thistle..... *Cirsium arvense*

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Field bindweed/European morning glory .....	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Horse nettle .....	<i>Solanum carolinense</i>
Leafy spurge.....	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Perennial pepper-grass .....	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
Perennial sowthistle .....	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>
Quackgrass.....	<i>Elymus repens</i>
Russian knapweed.....	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
all species of the genera .....	<i>Carduus</i> and <i>Cirsium</i>

**SECONDARY NOXIOUS WEEDS:**

Buckhorn.....	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> (perennial)
Butterprint.....	<i>Abutilon theophrastidic</i> (annual)
Cockleburr.....	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> (annual)
Multiflora rose* .....	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
Poison hemlock.....	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
Puncture vine .....	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> (annual)
Sheep sorrel .....	<i>Rumex acetosella</i> (perennial)
Smooth dock .....	<i>Rumex altissimus</i> (perennial)
Sour dock .....	<i>Rumex crispus</i> (perennial)
Shattercane** .....	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (annual)
Teasel .....	<i>Dipsacus</i> spp. (biennial)
Wild carrot .....	<i>Daucus carota</i> (biennial)
Wild mustard .....	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i> (annual)
Wild sunflower .....	wild strain of <i>Helianthus annuus</i> L. (annual)

\* - shall not be considered a secondary noxious weed when cultivated for or used as understock for cultivated roses or as ornamental shrubs in gardens, or in any county whose board of supervisors has by resolution declared it not to be a noxious weed.

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**PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANTS:**

Garlic mustard.....	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Japanese knotweed.....	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
Japanese hop .....	<i>Humulus japonicus</i>
Multiflora rose .....	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
Oriental bittersweet.....	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Purple loosestrife .....	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Teasel .....	<i>Dipsacus</i> spp. (biennial)

**QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**INSECTS:**

Asian gypsy moth .....	<i>Lymantria dispar dispar</i> (Linnaeus)
Asian longhorned beetle .....	<i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i>

Blue alfalfa aphid.....	<i>Acyrtosiphon kondoi</i>
Emerald ash borer.....	<i>Agrilus planipennis</i>
European woodwasp.....	<i>Sirex noctilio</i>
Gypsy (European) moth.....	<i>Lymantria dispar</i>
Gypsy moth (European X Asian).....	<i>Lymantria dispar x hybrid</i>
Khapra beetle.....	<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>
Rosy (pink) gypsy moth.....	<i>Lymantria mathura</i>
Viburnum leaf beetle.....	<i>Pyrrhalta viburni</i>
Walnut twig beetle.....	<i>Pityophthorus juglandis</i>

DISEASES:

Black stem rust of wheat.....	<i>Puccinia graminis</i>
Corn late wilt or black bundle disease of corn.....	<i>Harpophora (Cephalosporium) maydis</i>
Oat cyst nematode.....	<i>Biddera avenae</i>
Golden nematode.....	<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>
Corn cyst nematode.....	<i>Heterodera zeae</i>
Columbia root-knot nematode.....	<i>Meloidogyne chitwoodi</i>
Mexican corn cyst.....	<i>Punctodera chalconensis</i>
Head smut of corn.....	<i>Sphacelotheca reiliana</i>
Sudden oak death.....	<i>Phytophthora ramorum</i>
Thousand cankers disease of black walnut.....	<i>Geosmithia, sp.</i>
White potato cyst nematode.....	<i>Globodera pallida</i>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Chapter 177A, Iowa Pest Act (Code of Iowa)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/2014/177A.pdf>

Chapter 46, Crop Pests (Iowa Administrative Code)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/IAC/LINC/05-28-2014.Chapter.21.46.pdf>

Chapter 317, Weeds Act (Code of Iowa)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/2014/317.pdf>

Chapter 58, Noxious Weeds (Iowa Administrative Code)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/IAC/LINC/05-28-2014.Chapter.21.58.pdf>

Chapter 160, State Apiarist Act (Code of Iowa)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/2014/160.pdf>

Chapter 22, Apiary (Iowa Administrative Code)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/IAC/LINC/05-28-2014.Chapter.21.22.pdf>

Chapter 199, Agricultural Seeds Act (Code of Iowa)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/2014/199.pdf>

Chapter 40, Agricultural Seeds (Iowa Administrative Code)

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/IAC/LINC/05-28-2014.Chapter.21.40.pdf>