SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS
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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION
http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/927
Any hardy tree, shrub, plant, or bulb, whether wild or cultivated, except turfgrass, and any cutting, graft, scion, or bud thereof; any non-hardy plant, or plant part, that is to be offered for sale in any state that requires inspection and certification of the plant or plant part as a condition of entrance therein.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS
http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/927.66
Any nursery stock shipped into Ohio must be accompanied by a tag or poster bearing an exact copy of a valid license of certificate of inspection and be free of harmful plant pests. Each individual piece of nursery stock, or sales unit, consigned to a retail outlet must be labeled with a complete, correct botanical or approved common name.

Ohio does not require the filing of individual licenses for out-of-state nurseries so long as the office is provided with an annual list of certified nurseries from the shipping state.

PROHIBITED INVASIVE PLANTS
http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-30
The following species are prohibited from sales or distribution within the State of Ohio:

- *Ailanthus altissima*, tree-of-heaven;
- *Alliaria petiolata*, garlic mustard
- *Berberis vulgaris*, common barberry;
- *Butomus umbellatus*, flowering rush;
- *Celastrus orbiculatus*, Oriental bittersweet;
- *Centaurea stoebe ssp. Micranthos*, spotted knapweed;
- *Dipsacus fullonum*, common teasel;
- *Dipsacus laciniatus*, cutleaf teasel;
- *Egeria densa*, Brazilian elodea;
- *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, Russian olive;
- *Elaeagnus umbellata*, autumn olive;
- *Epilobium hirsutum*, hairy willow herb;
Heracleum mantegazzianum, giant hogweed;
Hesperis matronalis, dame's rocket;
Hydrilla verticillata, hydrilla;
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae, European frog-bit;
Lonicera japonica, Japanese honeysuckle;
Lonicera maackii, amur honeysuckle;
Lonicera morrowii, Morrow's honeysuckle;
Lonicera tatarica, Tatarian honeysuckle;
Lythrum salicaria, purple loosestrife;
Lythrum virgatum, European wand loosestrife
Microstegium vimineum, Japanese stiltgrass;
Myriophyllum aquaticum, parrotfeather;
Myriophyllum spicatum, Eurasian water-milfoil;
Nymphoides peltata, yellow floating heart;
Phragmites australis, common reed;
Potamogeton crispus, curly-leaved pondweed;
Pueraria montana var. lobate, kudzu;
Ranunculus ficaria, fig buttercup/lesser celandine;
Rhamnus cathartica, European buckthorn;
Rosa multiflora; multiflora rose
Trapa natans, water chestnut;
Typha angustifolia, narrow-leaved cattail;
Typha x glauca, hybrid cattail; and
Vincetoxicum nigrum, black dog-strangling vine, black swallowwort.

**Pyrus calleryana, callery pear (effective January 7, 2023)**

**PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEEDS:**
[http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-37](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-37)

Shatter cane, *Sorghum bicolor*
Russian thistle, *Salsola Kali var. tenuifolia*
Johnsongrass, *Sorghum halepense*
Wild parsnip, *Pastinaca sativa*
Grapevines, *Vitis spp.*, when growing in groups of one hundred or more and not pruned, sprayed, cultivated, or otherwise maintained for two consecutive years.
Canada thistle, *Cirsium arvense*
Poison hemlock, *Conium maculatum*
Cressleaf groundsel, *Senecio glabellus*
Musk thistle, *Carduus nutans*
Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*
Mile-A-Minute Weed, *Polygonum perfoliatum*
Giant Hogweed, *Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Apple of Peru, *Nicandra physalodes*
Marestail, *Conyza canadensis*
Kochia, *Bassia scoparia*
Palmer amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri*
Kudzu, *Pueraria montana var. lobata*
Japanese knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum*
Yellow Groove Bamboo, *Phyllostachys aureasculata*, when the plant has spread from its original premise of planting and is not being maintained.
Field bindweed, *Convolvulus arvensis*
Heart-podded hoary cress, *Lepidium draba sub. draba*
Hairy whitetop or ballcress, *Lepidium appelianum*
Perennial sowthistle, *Sonchus arvensis*
Russian knapweed, *Achroptilon repens*
Leafy spurge, *Euphorbia esula*
Hedge bindweed, *Calystegia sepium*
Serrated tussock, *Nassella trichotoma*
Columbus grass, *Sorghum x almum*
Musk thistle, *Carduus nutans*
Forage Kochia, *Bassia prostrata*
Water Hemp, *Amaranthus tuberculatus*

**ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE QUARANTINE**
[http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-57](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-57)

PEST: Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*

REGULATED AREA: Tate Township, Clermont County, Ohio

MATERIALS REGULATED: Firewood, stumps, roots, branches, debris and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen from all hardwood species; and lumber, nursery stock and logs of the following genera: *Acer* (maple), *Aesculus* (horse chestnut), *Albizia* (mimosa), *Betula* (birch), *Cercidiphyllum* (katsura), *Fraxinus* (ash), *Koelreteria* (golden raintree), *Platanus* (sycamore), *Populus* (poplar), *Salix* (willow), *Sorbus* (mountain ash), and *Ulmus* (elm);

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles which originate in the regulated area are prohibited from being transported out of the regulated area. Regulated materials transiting the regulated area must have documentation of the origin and destination of the materials and cannot stop except for routine traffic conditions.

**GYPSY MOTH QUARANTINE**
[http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-52](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-52)

PEST: European Gypsy Moth, *Lymantria dispar*

MATERIALS REGULATED: Trees and woody shrubs, cut Christmas trees, logs, wood with bark, firewood, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, tents, mobile homes, outdoor household articles which have been kept in proximity to an infestation.

RESTRICTIONS: No common carrier or other person shall move from any regulated area or any regulated article unless the article has been shipped in accordance with a valid compliance agreement or the article has been inspected and found free of gypsy moth.

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID QUARANTINE

http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-48

PEST: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, *Adelges tsugae*


MATERIALS REGULATED: Hemlock nursery stock and seedlings;

RESTRICTIONS: Hemlock nursery stock is restricted from infested counties, unless covered by an approved compliance agreement to prevent HWA infestation. For nursery stock originating in non-infested counties of the regulated area: Hemlock nursery stock shall either be covered by a compliance agreement, or be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate or certificate of origin signed by an authorized agricultural inspection official of the state of origin, with an additional declaration that: the hemlock seedlings/nursery stock, originated in and was shipped from, a county where hemlock woolly adelgid has not been found.

THOUSAND CANKERS DISEASE OF WALNUT QUARANTINE

http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-58

PEST: Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*; Thousand Cankers Disease *Geosmithia morbida*

STATES REGULATED: The entire states of: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Infested counties of the following states: Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia

MATERIALS REGULATED: Walnut nursery stock of any size; Walnut logs; Green walnut lumber; Walnut limbs, roots, and branches; Bark from walnut trees and wood chips from walnut trees; any firewood;
RESTRICTIONS:
Regulated materials which originate from infested counties are restricted from entering Ohio unless covered by a valid compliance agreement.

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST QUARANTINE
http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A5-43

PEST: White Pine Blister Rust, caused by Cronartium ribicola

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: All varieties of black currant, Ribes nigrum.

RESTRICTIONS: Seven varieties (Consort, Coronet, Crusader, Titania, Lowes Auslese, Polar and Willoughby) have been shown to be immune and can be shipped into Ohio. All other varieties of black currant are prohibited.