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### Pennsylvania Boxwood Blight Quarantine

To prevent the introduction of boxwood blight, caused by the fungus *Calonectria pseudonaviculatum*, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has implemented a quarantine, effective as of its publication on **Friday, June 24, 2016**. **Regulated articles** include the fungus itself, along with any material or object that may carry or spread it, such as:

- All plants or plant parts (including **boxwood and pachysandra**);
- Brush, debris, bark, or yard waste;
- Landscaping, nursery/greenhouse, and plant retail waste;
- Leaves, branches, and soil of infected *Buxus* genus;
- Any other article that may present a risk of disseminating boxwood blight;

These articles may not be transported into or within PA unless done in accordance with the provisions of the quarantine, as follows.

***Buxus* plant material originating outside of PA** can be imported **if** the following conditions are met: The originating state authorities have conducted an inspection meeting the requirements of PA or the shipper has entered into a Compliance Agreement which meets the standards of PA.

The following criteria must be met:

- The regulated article will be moved in compliance with the provisions of the Order of Quarantine and any additional emergency conditions that the PA Dept. of Agriculture may enact to prevent the spread of boxwood blight;
- The regulated article has been determined to be free of boxwood blight, based on inspection;
- The regulated article has been grown, produced, manufactured, stored, and safeguarded in a manner that prevents the article from spreading boxwood blight; and,
- All shipments of *Buxus* plant material shipped into PA must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the state “The plants were grown, produced, and shipped to meet conditions specified are not known to have boxwood blight, *Calonectria pseudonaviculatum*.”

If a consignment of plant material originating in New Jersey is determined to be positive for boxwood blight, the following provisions take effect for the **first violation** of the quarantine:

- All plants will be destroyed;
- The area in which the plants were located will be sanitized;
- The supplier of the plants will be suspended from sending *Buxus* to PA until:

- The supplier produces *Buxus* utilizing a state certification process which incorporates a systems approach for mitigation for diseases such as boxwood blight;
- The supplier shall utilize suppliers or nurseries of *Buxus* that have been officially inspected and licensed by a state regulatory agency (such as NJDA, Division of Plant Industry);
- Any *Buxus* purchased by the facility must be held for 30 days in isolation;
- No fungicides shall be used on those plants during the 30 day isolation period;
- All means of conveyance shall be sanitized;
- The *Buxus* shall not be co-mingled with other *Buxus*; and,
- The supplier, for at least **one year**, shall notify the PA Department of Agriculture prior to shipment of plant material at [plant@pa.gov](mailto:plant@pa.gov), of all shipments of *Buxus*.

On the **second violation** of the quarantine:

- All *Buxus* at the originating nursery will be placed on “Stop Sale” by NJDA, Division of Plant Industry to prevent further movement of plant material;
- A sample of these plants will be placed in an observation block and:
  - Shall have no fungicide application for at least 30 days, or until conditions are conducive for boxwood blight to develop;
  - After the 30 days, the block will be inspected and sampled;
  - If boxwood blight is present, the entire block of plants will be destroyed;
  - If boxwood blight is absent, the plants may be released for sale/shipment.
- For a minimum of **two years**, the facility shall notify the PA Department of Agriculture prior to shipment of plant material at [plant@pa.gov](mailto:plant@pa.gov), of all shipments of *Buxus*.

On the **third violation** of the quarantine:

- The supplier will be suspended from sending *Buxus* to any address within PA.

Anyone who violates this Order of Quarantine may face summary criminal prosecution carrying up to 90 days imprisonment and a fine of up to \$300 with respect to each violation. In addition, anyone who violates this Order of Quarantine may be assessed as civil penalty of up to \$20,000 with respect to each violation.

Those producers of boxwood under NJDA’s **Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program Compliance Agreement** are in compliance with the new PA quarantine.

For more information concerning this Order of Quarantine, please contact Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Attention: Dana Rhodes, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408, (717) 772-5205, [danrhodes@pa.gov](mailto:danrhodes@pa.gov), or The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330, Galen Ettinger, Chief, Bureau of Plant Pest and Disease Control, [galen.ettinger@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:galen.ettinger@ag.state.nj.us)



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