

November 20, 2023

2024 PLANT DEALER/LANDSCAPER LICENSE APPLICATION: REQUESTED DECEMBER 31, 2023

- 2024 Plant Dealer license application. A Plant Dealer license is required prior to the purchase or sale of nursery stock and is valid during the calendar year in which it is issued. To expedite processing your 2024 license, please submit by December 31, 2023.
- Prohibited invasive plant list—please review.
- Spotted lanternfly Best Management Practices for nurseries.
- *Optional:* Please complete the questionnaire about out-of-state shipping activities if you ship nursery stock out-of-state and have changes from previous years.

These materials are also available on the [Division of Plant Industry website](#).

If you are selling rooted plants (this includes trees, shrubs, annuals, vegetable plants, fruit tree nursery stock, etc.) in the State of New Hampshire, a license is required for each business location (see [RSA 433:29-a](#) and [Agr 2501.03](#)). The Plant Dealer license is required for retailers, wholesalers, landscapers, and growers of nursery stock. Please complete the Plant Dealer license application and submit to the address listed on the application.

Information of note for NH's Plant Dealers:

1. **Interstate plant shipments:** Requirements for plant and plant part shipments vary by state. Generally, interstate plant shippers are expected to be licensed in their state, are subject to inspection, and are shipping plants and plant parts that are apparently free from pests. The Division of Plant Industry can provide assistance in understanding and meeting the requirements of specific receiving states.
2. **Prohibited Invasive Plants:** NH has a Prohibited Invasive Plant list (Agr 3802.01) last revised in 2017. It is provided annually as part of the Plant Dealer licensure materials and on the [Division's website](#). Prohibited invasive plants offered for sale are subject to destruction and administrative fines. The sale of prohibited invasive plants can result in suspension of a Plant Dealer license. Please review the list of Prohibited Invasive Plants to ensure that you are in compliance.
3. **Pesticide applicators license is required** for the application of pesticides to an agricultural commodity (such as perennials, annuals, ornamental trees and shrubs, etc.) available for sale, consumption, propagation. In other words, only those with an applicator's license may apply any pesticide to plants offered for sale to the public—even if the pesticide is listed as organic or available for sale to the public. If you do not have a license, you will need to hire a pesticide applicator to do any pesticide treatments of your nursery stock. For more information on a pesticide permit/license please contact the Div. of Pesticide Control at 603-271-3694 or visit [Pesticide Licensing](#).
4. **Spotted lanternfly (SLF):**
 - SLF is a risk to NH grape growers, causes increases in treatment costs of nursery stock, impacts interstate trade, and is a significant nuisance pest.
 - Quarantine areas include parts of: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.
 - Established populations also detected in: Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.
 - Significant interceptions of SLF egg masses on nursery stock delivered to NH in 2021-2023. Detected egg masses were removed prior to hatch, meaning that the use of best management practices greatly reduced the risk of establishment of this pest in the state.

- No evidence of established SLF populations in New Hampshire. Survey and outreach are on-going.
 - Information is available on the [Division's website](#) and at NH Bugs.org.
5. **Prior Quarantines—hemlock and emerald ash borer:** Please review the [best management practices](#) for hemlock nursery stock and visit NH Bugs.org for up-to-date information.
 6. **2023 Pest Responses:** Identifying and reporting potential pests in the nursery environment is critical for plant health. Pest responses involve cooperation between NH nurseries and Div. Plant Industry highlighting the importance of cooperation between regulators and the industry to protect the state's plant health, green industries, and public.

Spotted lanternfly egg masses were detected on incoming nursery stock but numbers were significantly lower in 2023. The Division continued to monitor for SLF (via trapping and visual survey) at locations that had received egg masses in previous years. NH nurseries are continuing to use best management practices to identify SLF egg masses, remove and destroy them, and report them to the Division. The use of best management practices removed 5,600 potential spotted lanternfly adults.

Individual spotted lanternfly adults were reported and intercepted in New Boston and Freemont, NH. These reports were submitted via NH Bugs.org. Inspectors surveyed areas near the detection and determined that the insects were hitchhikers on vehicles from a quarantine area and not an established local population. These locations will continue to be monitored. SLF populations are very high within some of the quarantine areas and it is easy for adults to hop into or onto a vehicle. If you are traveling to or through a SLF quarantine area please check your vehicle and belongings before you return to NH. Report any suspect SLF life stages seen in NH to the Division or at NH Bugs.org.

Phytophthora ramorum, boxwood blight & Chrysanthemum white rust surveys were conducted at NH nurseries in each of our 10 counties. No symptoms or positive detections of these diseases were found during the surveys. *Phytophthora ramorum* and chrysanthemum white rust are federally regulated diseases requiring an eradication response upon detection in a nursery. There are no known established populations in NH. Boxwood blight is a devastating disease of boxwoods. It is not federally regulated, but the Div. Plant Industry does initiate an eradication response when it is detected in a nursery. Boxwood blight is known to be established on a property in one NH town.

If you suspect one of these diseases in your nursery you can submit samples to the [UNH Cooperative Extension Plant Diagnostic Lab](#).

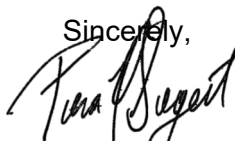
For more information about these diseases:

[Landscape: Phytophthora ramorum | Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment at UMass Amherst](#)
[Boxwood Blight Initiatives \(hriresearch.org\)](#)
[Greenhouse & Floriculture: Chrysanthemum White Rust | Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment at UMass Amherst](#)

Boxtree moth, *Cydalima perspectalis* is a devastating pest of boxwoods, only recently detected in the U.S. Since its first U.S., detection, the Division has been conducting both a trapping and visual survey of boxwoods. No evidence of this pest has been found in NH. It was recently detected in Massachusetts. Please report heavy webbing, defoliation, or frass on your boxwoods.

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns relative to the plant dealer license application or information about plant health activities in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



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Plant Dealer / Landscaper Application

Business Location Information

Name of Business: _____ Email: _____
 Owner: _____ Store Contact (i.e.mgr): _____
 Street Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Website: _____

Mailing / Corporate Information (if different from above)

Business / Corporate Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Changes		Type of Business	
Address Change		Nursery	Grocery Store
Operation Change		Greenhouse	Drug Store
Ownership Change		Garden Center	Floral Shop
Out of Business		Landscaper	Road Side Stand
New Business		Department Store	Plant Collector
Licensing Fee Exemption*		Hardware Store	Other:

Please provide the total number of either square feet or acreage for the following:

Outdoor nursery stock area: _____ Greenhouses: _____ Indoor plant sales area: _____
 Percentage of nursery stock sold wholesale: _____ Percentage of nursery stock sold retail: _____

Please answer Yes or No to the following questions:

Grow your own nursery stock: _____ Import nursery stock from out of state: _____ Ship nursery stock out of state: _____

*Please review the following licensing fee requirements and check the appropriate category that applies to you:
 (Nursery stock means all woody and herbaceous plants with roots, as per RSA 433:21 XV)*

- Licensing Fee \$25** - Make checks payable to: **Treasurer, State of NH**. Remit payment with application to address on this form.
- *Licensing Fee Exemption** – Entities exempt from the licensing fee include: 1) a business location who makes no more than \$3,000 in gross sales of all rooted plant material during the calendar year; 2) any public or private arboretums operated not-for-profit which exchange nursery stock inspected by a duly authorized agent of a state or federal department of agriculture in limited quantities for experimental or permanent arboretum plantings; 3) NH state agencies or universities; and 4) any landscape company that does not import out of state nursery stock, and does not temporarily or permanently store nursery stock.

I attest that I meet the licensing fee requirements as stated above and shall acquire and further distribute nursery stock obtained only from a certified and/or licensed grower or dealer approved by the authorizing agency within the state of origin.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

