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Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program: COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

NURSERY NAME	CONTACT NAME
BUSINESS ADDRESS	EMAIL
	PHONE NUMBER

REGULATED ARTICLES (HOSTS): *Buxus spp., Pachysandra spp., and Sarcococca spp.*

The Oregon Department of Agriculture offers the Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program to assist growers in preventing the introduction and spread of the fungus *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* (the causal agent of Boxwood Blight) from Oregon's nurseries. This is a **voluntary** program and participation does not preclude additional inspection, sampling, and testing by ODA or the destination State Department of Agriculture or similar authority.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

This program is renewed annually during an audit every summer (June to August) and includes a thorough inspection of all host plant production areas to confirm the absence of Boxwood Blight (BWB) and a systems audit in collaboration with your nursery staff to review:

I. Record Keeping
II. Host Plant Buy-Ins (returned plants also fall in this category)
III. Propagation Practices
IV. Boxwood Blight Detetction Protocol
V. Water Management
VI. Sanitation

EXCLUSION OF BOXWOOD BLIGHT:

If boxwood blight is present in the nursery at the time of the Annual Systems Inspection, the nursery will not be eligible to participate in this program until the following summer. ODA staff can provide support to a nursery in this situation to help them meet requirements for the following year. Once a nursery in this program, if they have a detection of boxwood blight, they will have a three-month suspension from the program. Disease management needs to follow ODA guidelines and must be completely resolved in these three months in order to return to good standing in the program. Contact your ODA Inspector to obtain specific procedures.

ANNUAL AUDIT FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

Please refer to the *Oregon Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program: Systems Audit Checklist* to prepare for the annual audit. This document details the best management practices (BMPs) which are required to participate in this program. Non-conformances to the BMPs will be rated as Minor, Major, or Critical by the ODA Nursery Inspector at the time of the annual audit. Depending on the severity of the non-conformances, the nursery will either be enrolled in an Action Plan to adjust their practices or the nursery will be ineligible to participate in the Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program this year.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Please refer to the ODA Nursery – Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program webpage to find links to the approved training programs that qualify for the training requirements of this program.

PUBLISHED PARTICIPANTS LIST:

Nurseries that are enrolled in the program will be published on the ODA Nursery website in alignment with all other Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Programs across the United States. If enrollment is suspended or terminated, the nursery's name will be removed from the website for the appropriate duration.

SAMPLING FEES:

The nursery is responsible for the laboratory testing fees for boxwood samples.

Upon signing this agreement, the nursery will be registered as a program participant immediately and will remain so for one calendar year (unless suspended or revoked from the program). Should ownership or management of the nursery change, a new compliance agreement must be signed. Annual program audits occur during the summer months (June-August) each year. Additional production area inspections by an ODA Inspector may occur throughout the year. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this contract.

NURSERY REPRESNTATIVE	SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
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