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### News

- Submitting to PhytoFrontiers BBIG Focus Issue—**Reclaiming Boxwood from the Blight?** Per the American Phytopathological Society, **the deadline for submissions is now October 1, 2025**. Please review [the official call for papers](#) for details about this issue. **This is the final hard deadline for submissions** to be considered for this focus issue.
- Spreading the news. Digger Magazine reported in their Northwest News section “[Virginia Tech, OSU Research Offers Hope on Boxwood Blight](#)”, which referenced the [Virginia Tech News article](#) published in May 2025. The VT News article interviewed Chuanxue Hong of Virginia Tech, Jay Pscheidt of Oregon State University and Bennett Saunders of Saunders Brothers Inc. about the flutriafol drench research.

### Research Publications

- Daughtrey, M., Gray, J., Calabro, J., and Hong, C. X. 2025. Fighting against invasive species through global and stakeholder partnerships - a case study of boxwood blight. Plant Disease: First Look at <https://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/10.1094/PDIS-01-25-0210-SC>.
- LaMondia, J. A., Cowles, R. S., and Shishkoff, N. 2025. The effects of sanitizers on *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* and *C. henricotiae* conidia and microsclerotia viability. Journal of Environmental Horticulture 43(2):83–90 open access at <https://doi.org/10.24266/0738-2898-43.2.83>.
- Sacher, G. and Pscheidt, J. 2025. Detached leaf assays reveal long-term efficacy of the systemic fungicide flutriafol against boxwood blight. Plant Disease: First Look at <https://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/abs/10.1094/PDIS-11-24-2508-RE>.

### Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment. Sign up for an email report [here](#).
- [Box tree moth](#).
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

### BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to [boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu](mailto:boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu) or [chhong2@vt.edu](mailto:chhong2@vt.edu).

### Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to [kls13@cornell.edu](mailto:kls13@cornell.edu)

***Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.***

