

# BOXWOOD BLIGHT CLEANLINESS PROGRAM

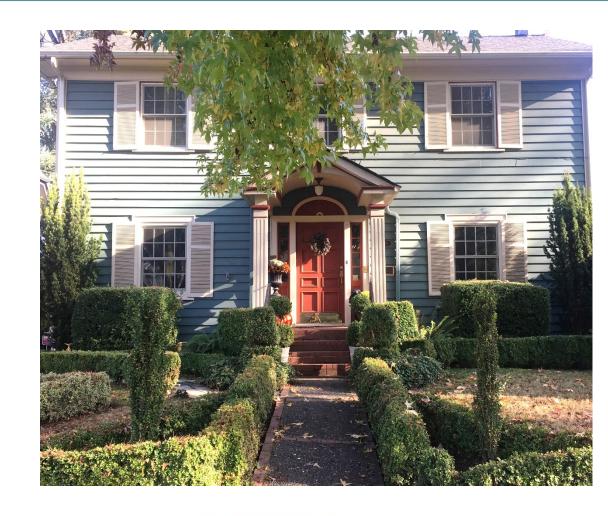
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# **GOAL**

Help
nurseries
provide
clean
nursery
stock





#### **INSPECTIONS**



#### **SANITATION**



#### **RECORDS**





#### **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

- ✓ Purchase BW from clean or apparently clean sources
- **▼ ROUTINELY** scout for the disease
- ✓ Employ recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs)



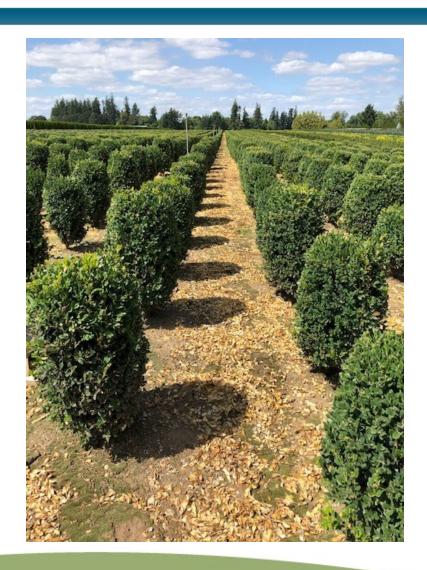
# HOW DO YOU FIND BWB?

# 1. Scouting: Be proactive!

- ✓ Make it routine
- ✓ Train your staff
- ✓ Suspect material?

#### 2. ODA Inspector

Suspect plants must be confirmed by ODA Plant Health Laboratory





### WHAT IF BWB IS DETECTED AT MY NURSERY?

### **Nursery**

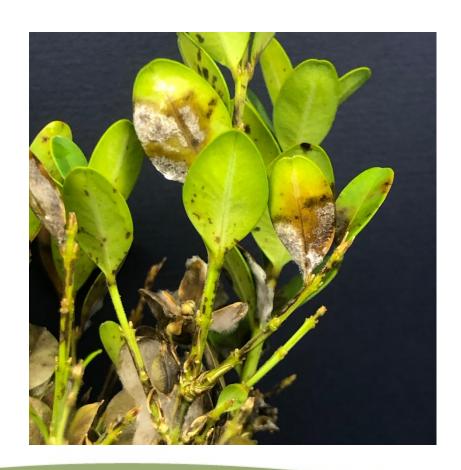
Enter into a 2 year probation period

### Inspector

Yearly inspections + audit

# **Shipments to TN and PA**

Inspection + State certificate





### **ON-THE GROUND ACTION**

- Destroy all host plants within destruction zone (10 ft) of the confirmed positive plant.
- Must add physical barrier on ground
- For at least 30 days, plants in the quarantine area:
  - ✓ cannot be moved, sprayed, or shipped
  - ✓ Plants will be monitored for disease by ODA



### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- 1. Contact your ODA inspector
- 2. Initial audit
- 3. Sign the compliance agreement





#### MORE INFORMATION

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### REPEAT OFFENDERS: 2016-2019

Suffruticosa

**Green velvet\*** 

Chicagoland

"home made variety"