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BOXWOOD BLIGHT CLEANLINESS PROGRAM

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GOAL

**Help
nurseries
provide
clean
nursery
stock**





INSPECTIONS



- Buy-ins
- In- stock

SANITATION



- Water
- Debris
- Equipment

RECORDS



- Inspection
- Training
- Treatment



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”