



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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REGULATORY SERVICES
PLANT CERTIFICATION
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Dear Plant Producer or Plant Dealer/Landscaper:

Enclosed in this letter you will find information regarding updates for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD), The Pest Plant Rule, Landscaper Rule and updated Imported Fire Ant quarantined zones. Proper use of certificates and compliance documentation are also addressed.

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Chapter 0080-06-10 *effective February 28, 2011.*

Emerald Ash Borer was discovered in Knox County in July, and Loudon County in August 2010. Blount and Grainger Counties have been added to the quarantine in 2011. Check website for additional counties that may have been added. Regulated items restricted for movement include firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species; nursery stock, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch and composted and un-composted chips of the genus *Fraxinus*. More information on Emerald Ash Borer can be found at <http://tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/eab.html>

Thousand Cankers Disease Chapter 0080-06-11 *Permanent rule effective August 15, 2011*

Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) is a progressive disease that kills a tree within two to three years after appearance of the initial infection. The disease-causing fungus, *Geosmithia*, is transmitted by a small twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*). Thousand Cankers Disease was identified in Black Walnut trees in Knox County in July and Blount County in August 2010. These were the first identifications east of the state of Colorado. Thousand Cankers has also been found in Anderson and Union Counties in 2011. The quarantine will restrict the movement of nursery stock, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch and composted and un-composted chips of the genus *Juglans* (Walnut). Anderson, Blount, Grainger and Knox Counties are quarantined for TCD. Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, and Sevier counties are in the regulated buffer area. Check website for additional counties that may have been added. Up to date information may be found at <http://tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/tcd.html>

Amended Pest Plant List – Effective April 13, 2009 **Found at <http://state.tn.us/sos/rules/0080/0080-06/0080-06-24.20090413.pdf>**

The Pest Plant Rule Chapter 0080-06-24 was amended to include the following plants:

- Ligustrum sinense, Chinese Privet
- Ligustrum vulgare, Common Privet, European Privet
- Lonicera maackii, Shrub Honeysuckle, Amur Honeysuckle
- Lonicera morrowii, Morrows Bush Honeysuckle, Morrow's Honeysuckle
- Lonicera x bella, Bell's Honeysuckle
- Rosa multiflora, Multiflora Rose
- Elaeagnus umbellata, Autumn Olive

All of the above listed plants are prohibited from retail sale by January 2010 and wholesale sale by January 2012.

Elaeagnus pungens, Thorny Olive is prohibited from retail sale by January 2012 and wholesale sale by January 2014.

Immediately prohibited from sale are the federal noxious weeds:

- Salvinia molesta, Giant Salvinia
- Commelina benghalensis, Tropical Spiderwort
- Imperata cylindrica, Cogongrass
- Lythrum salicaria, Lythrum virgatum and related cultivars, Purple Loosestrife
- Solanum viarum, Tropical Soda Apple

Landscaper Rule

Chapter 0080-06-01 Regulations Governing Nurseries, Greenhouses, Plant Dealers, Florists and Collected Plant Dealers has been revised. **Landscaper Certificates** are required for businesses that procure for transplantation, nursery stock for installation on the property of another person. The updated rule also requires that wholesalers obtain a certificate from the person or firm purchasing nursery stock. These changes were effective August 28, 2007.

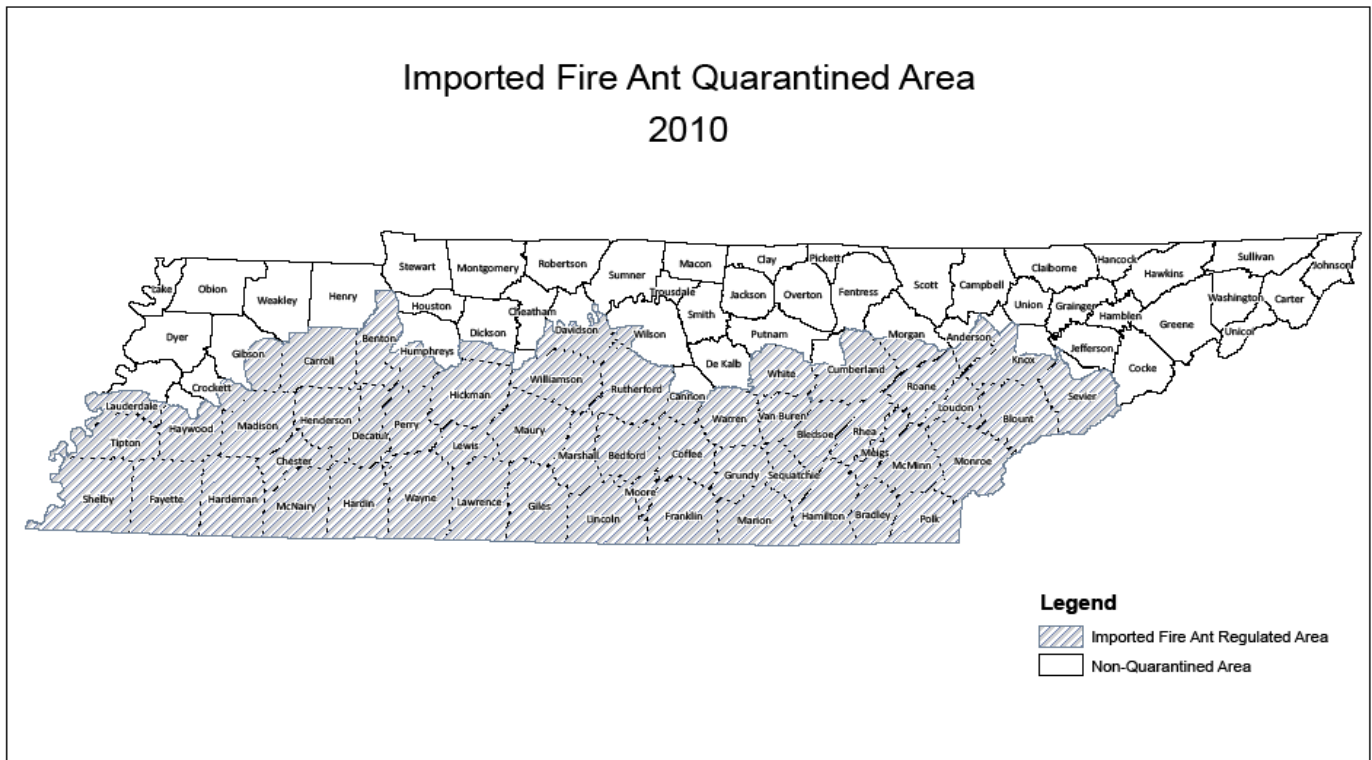
NOTE - A copy of your current valid Tennessee Department of Agriculture Certificate must be displayed at each sales location and plant installation work site and accompany plants during movement.

I. All plant wholesalers must maintain proof of certification from Plant Retailers and Landscapers who purchase from them.

- II. Responsibilities of plant producers or plant dealer/landscapers located outside the regulated zones:**
- A. Receiving shipments from a regulated zone:**
- i. Proper compliance documentation (IFA nursery stock from regulated areas requires a USDA shield) must be attached to the invoice.*
 - ii. A copy of a valid inspection certificate from the state of origin, Department of Agriculture, must also accompany each shipment. Certificate number and expiration date must be included.*
- B. Receiving shipments from non-regulated zones:**
A copy of a valid inspection certificate from the state of origin, Department of Agriculture, must accompany each shipment. Certificate number and expiration date must be included.
- C. Sending shipments:**
A copy of your current valid Tennessee Department of Agriculture Certificate must be attached to your invoice.
- III. Responsibilities of plant producers or plant dealer/landscapers located within a regulated zone:**
- A. Receiving shipments from zones regulated for the same pest:**
A copy of a valid inspection certificate from the state of origin, Department of Agriculture, must accompany each shipment. Certificate number and expiration date must be included.
- B. Sending shipments within the same regulated zone:**
A copy of your current valid Tennessee Department of Agriculture Certificate must be attached to your invoice.
- C. Sending shipments outside the regulated zone:**
- i. Provide compliance documentation (i.e. USDA shield or TDA Shipping Notification Form, etc.) which shows strict adherence to the requirements of the compliance protocols (i.e. treatments, \ grass/weed management, etc.).*
 - ii. A copy of your current valid Tennessee Department of Agriculture Certificate must be attached to your invoice.*

NOTE - Records must be maintained for a minimum of three years in order to demonstrate that plant shipments comply with these requirements.

County by county descriptions of Imported Fire Ant Quarantine areas in Tennessee are available on line at: <http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/regulatory/importedfireants.html> or through any Plant Certification Office. No changes were made to the Fire Ant Quarantine for 2011.



Certificate holders may obtain copies of relevant statutes, rules, policies and guidelines upon request by calling (615) 837-5137.