



## Permits for Growing Currant and Gooseberry In Michigan

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### Do I need a permit?

- Black currants: Yes, a permit is required for planting black currants anywhere in Michigan.
- Red currants, white currants, and gooseberries: It depends—these varieties only require a permit if the planting site is in the white pine blister rust control zone (see county list below).
- Alpine currant: Exempt from permit requirements.

**Note:** Permits will only be granted for varieties shown to be highly resistant to white pine blister rust through scientific research, as listed below.

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### Approved Varieties:

The following varieties were identified as white pine blister rust resistant in consultation with accredited laboratories or published research trials:

**Gooseberries:** Achilles, Canada O-273, Captivator, Columbus, Downing, Glenton Green, Golda, Hinnomaen kiltaenen green (Hinnomaki yellow), Hinnomaki Red, Howards Lancer, Invicta, Jahns Prairie, Jeanne, Josselyn, Oregon, Poorman, Sabine, Whitesmith

**Black currant-Gooseberry hybrids:** Josta (a.k.a. Jostaberry); Orus 8

**Black currant:** Blackcomb, Canada RIB0112, Consort (Prince Consort), Crusader, Coronet, Crandall, 'Doch Siberyachki (Daughter of Siberia), Kosmioleskaja, Lowes Auslese, Minaj smyriou, Pilot Alexander, Polar, Risager, Tahsis, Titania, Willoughby

**Red currant:** Rondon, Rovada

**White currant:** White Imperial, White Currant 1301

**Alpine Currant-** MDARD has determined that the ornamental alpine currant, *Ribes alpinum*, is generally resistant to white pine blister rust.

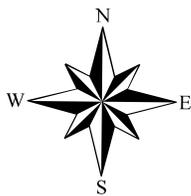
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### Permits:

To obtain a permit to grow rust-resistant currants and gooseberries, send an email to this address: [MDARD-NurseryCE@michigan.gov](mailto:MDARD-NurseryCE@michigan.gov) with the following information:

- Your name, email address and phone number
- Which varieties you intend to plant
- The address where they will be planted

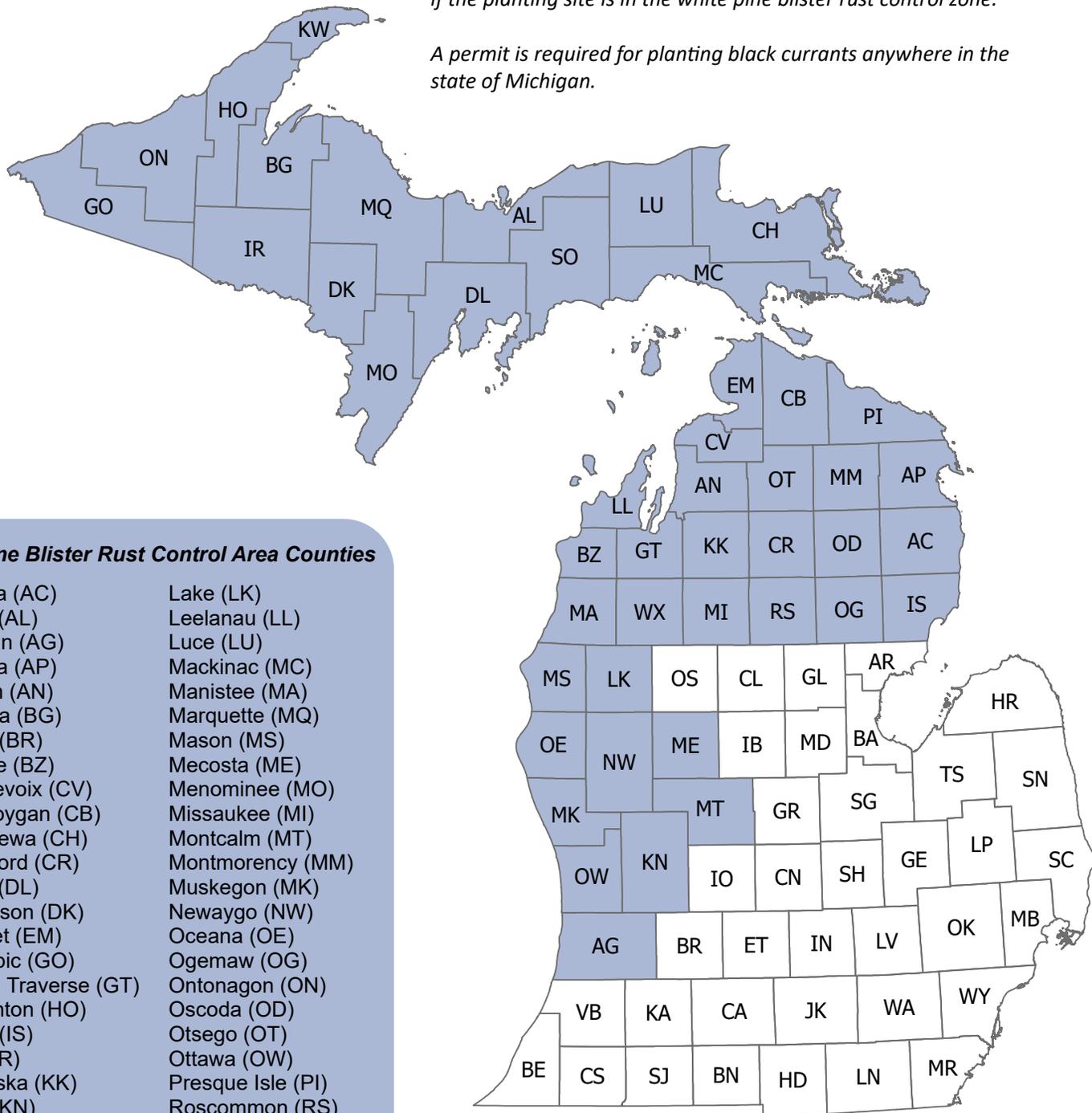
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# White Pine Blister Rust Control Area Counties

*Red currants, white currants and gooseberries require a permit if the planting site is in the white pine blister rust control zone.*

*A permit is required for planting black currants anywhere in the state of Michigan.*



## White Pine Blister Rust Control Area Counties

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| Alcona (AC)         | Lake (LK)         |
| Alger (AL)          | Leelanau (LL)     |
| Allegan (AG)        | Luce (LU)         |
| Alpena (AP)         | Mackinac (MC)     |
| Antrim (AN)         | Manistee (MA)     |
| Baraga (BG)         | Marquette (MQ)    |
| Barry (BR)          | Mason (MS)        |
| Benzie (BZ)         | Mecosta (ME)      |
| Charlevoix (CV)     | Menominee (MO)    |
| Cheboygan (CB)      | Missaukee (MI)    |
| Chippewa (CH)       | Montcalm (MT)     |
| Crawford (CR)       | Montmorency (MM)  |
| Delta (DL)          | Muskegon (MK)     |
| Dickinson (DK)      | Newaygo (NW)      |
| Emmet (EM)          | Oceana (OE)       |
| Gogebic (GO)        | Ogemaw (OG)       |
| Grand Traverse (GT) | Ontonagon (ON)    |
| Houghton (HO)       | Oscoda (OD)       |
| Iosco (IS)          | Otsego (OT)       |
| Iron (IR)           | Ottawa (OW)       |
| Kalkaska (KK)       | Presque Isle (PI) |
| Kent (KN)           | Roscommon (RS)    |
| Keweenaw (KW)       | Schoolcraft (SO)  |
|                     | Wexford (WX)      |

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Ten "economic prosperity regions" have been identified as part of Governor Snyder's Region Prosperity Initiative. For more, visit [www.michiganbusiness.org/about-medc/regional-prosperity-initiative/](http://www.michiganbusiness.org/about-medc/regional-prosperity-initiative/)



**Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division**

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# White Pine Blister Rust Control Area Counties

Prosperity Region	County or Counties	White Pine Blister Rust Control Area
1a – Western Upper Peninsula (UP) Prosperity Region	Baraga (BG), Gogebic (GO), Houghton (HO), Iron (IR), Keweenaw (KW), Ontonagon (ON)	Yes
1b – Central Upper Peninsula (UP) Prosperity Region	Alger (AL), Delta (DL), Dickinson (DK), Marquette (MQ), Menominee (MO), Schoolcraft (SO)	Yes
1c – Eastern Upper Peninsula (UP) Prosperity Region	Chippewa (CH), Luce (LU), Mackinac (MC)	Yes
2 – Northwest Prosperity Region	Antrim (AN), Benzie (BZ), Charlevoix (CV), Emmet (EM), Grand Traverse (GT), Kalkaska (KK), Leelanau (LL), Mason (MA), Missaukee (MI), Wexford (WX)	Yes
3 – Northeast Prosperity Region	Alcona (AC), Alpena (AP), Cheboygan (CB), Crawford (CR), Iosco (IS), Montmorency (MM), Ogemaw (OG), Oscoda (OD), Otsego (OT), Presque Isle (PI), Roscommon (RS)	Yes
4a – West Central Prosperity Region	Lake (LK), Manistee (MS), Mecosta (ME), Newaygo (NW), Oceana (OE)	Yes
4a – West Central Prosperity Region	Osceola (OS)	
4b – West Michigan Prosperity Region	Allegan (AG), Barry (BR), Kent (KN), Montcalm (MT), Muskegon (MK), Ottawa (OW)	Yes
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5 – East Central Prosperity Region	Arenac (AR), Bay (BA), Clare (CL), Gladwin (GL), Gratiot (GR), Isabella (IB), Midland (MD), Saginaw (SG)	
6 – East Michigan Prosperity Region	Genesee (GE), Huron (HR), Lapeer (LP), Sanilac (SN), Shiawassee (SH), St. Clair (SC), Tuscola (TS)	
7 – South Central Prosperity Region	Clinton (CN), Eaton (ET), Ingham (IN)	
8 – Southwest Michigan Prosperity Region	Berrien (BE), Branch (BN), Calhoun (CA), Cass (CS), Kalamazoo (KA), St. Joseph (SJ), Van Buren (VB)	
9 – Southeast Michigan Prosperity Region	Hillsdale (HD), Jackson (JK), Lenawee (LN), Livingston (LV), Monroe (MR), Washtenaw (WA)	
10 – Detroit Metro Prosperity Region	Macomb (MB), Oakland (OK), Wayne (WY)	