



## 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.

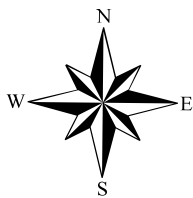
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### Permits:

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

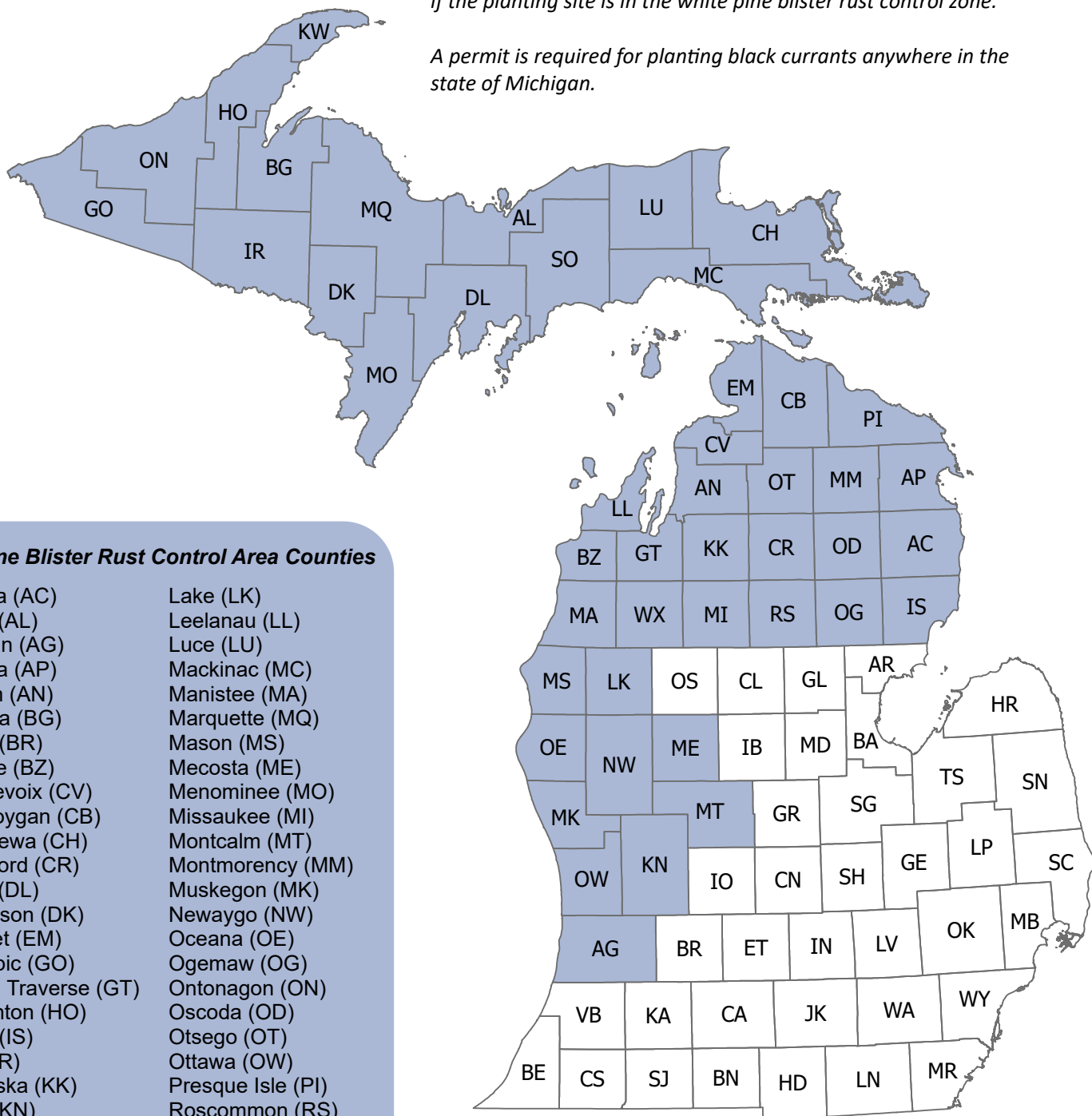
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# White Pine Blister Rust Control Area Counties

*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)      |



**Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division**

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Arenac (AR), Bay (BA), Berrien (BE), Branch (BN), Calhoun (CA), Cass (CS), Clare (CL), Clinton (CN), Eaton (ET), Genesee (GE), Gladwin (GL), Gratiot (GR), Hillsdale (HD), Huron (HR), Ingham (IN), Ionia (IO), Isabella (IB), Jackson (JK), Kalamazoo (KA), Lapeer (LP), Lenawee (LN), Livingston (LV), Macomb (MB), Midland (MD), Monroe (MR), Oakland (OK), Osceola (OS), Saginaw (SG), Sanilac (SN), Shiawassee (SH), St. Clair (SC), St. Joseph (SJ), Tuscola (TS), Van Buren (VB), Washtenaw (WA), Wayne (WY)	