



Firm Name:
Firm Address:

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BOX TREE MOTH COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

REGULATION SUMMARY:

Buxus nursery stock shipped into or originating from the quarantine area is only eligible for shipment to other locations within the quarantine under the following stipulations as part of a compliance agreement issued under the authority of the Michigan Box Tree Moth Interior Quarantine.

REGULATED ARTICLES: **all *Buxus* nursery stock** either received by shipment into the quarantine area or produced within the quarantine.

IMPORTANT: *Buxus* may not be moved to any location outside of the quarantine area under any circumstances.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The grower/shipper (Facility) accepts responsibility to ensure that all parts of any *Buxus* spp. (boxwood) plants, including nursery stock, are free from box tree moth (BTM, *Cydalima perspectalis*). This should be done by nursery personnel trained to identify signs of BTM on *Buxus* spp.
2. **If box tree moth life stages are found, the firm must notify the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) within 24 hours by emailing MDARD-NurseryCE@Michigan.gov and restrict all *Buxus* on premises from sale until released by MDARD.**
3. Do not remove, transport, treat, or dispose of suspected infested plants unless directed to do so by MDARD or the United State Department of Agriculture – Animal, Plant Health Inspection Service – Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ).
4. Actively ensure *Buxus* sp. sold from the facility does not leave the quarantine area. Tools used to do so must be demonstrated to MDARD upon request.
5. All nursery stock offered for sale must be labeled, with a label provided by MDARD that reads “*Buxus* sp. – Regulated Article – this plant originated from the Box Tree Moth quarantine area.”
6. A sign must be displayed conspicuously in the retail area depicting the box tree moth quarantine area. MDARD will provide a map, and it can be found [here](#).
7. A certificate of quarantine compliance issued by MDARD must accompany each wholesale shipment of boxwood plants moving within the quarantine area.

RECORDKEEPING:

The firm must maintain the records listed above for 36 months, and copies shall be provided to MDARD upon request.

INSPECTIONS and FEES

1. MDARD retains the right to conduct inspections of the environs of the *Buxus* production areas, nursery stock, and shipment records at any time.
2. MDARD retains the right to place box tree moth traps at any facility under compliance agreement and monitor as needed.
3. For any inspections required to monitor compliance, additional fees beyond the normal annual inspection fees will be charged to the establishment by MDARD.

VIOLATIONS/CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT

Violation of any of the conditions of this compliance agreement shall be sufficient cause for an immediate revocation of this compliance agreement and the destruction of the *Buxus* nursery stock at the expense of the Facility.

If the Facility fails to comply with the provisions of this Compliance Agreement and/or the Box Tree Moth Interior Quarantine, this Compliance Agreement will be canceled and may result in enforcement action including prosecution. MDARD reserves the right to revise or cancel the Compliance Agreement at any time.

- I sell containerized boxwood plants: # _____
NOTE: MDARD will provide labels to apply to boxwood containers.
- I sell balled and burlapped boxwood plants: # _____
NOTE: MDARD will provide plant tags to attach to shrubs.
- I do sell boxwood plants but would like to opt out of the compliance agreement.
NOTE: If you sell boxwood plants, you **MUST** enter a compliance agreement or destroy any boxwood plants on premises. MDARD will follow-up.
- I do **not** sell boxwood plants, and I am acknowledging receipt of this letter.

Signatures:

Firm Representative

Date

MDARD Representative

Date

Compliance Agreement Expiration Date 12/31/2023