

**Tennessee Boxwood Shipping Protocol**  
**Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries**  
**Plant Protection Division**  
**334-240-7225**

**Regulation:**

To view the full text of the Tennessee Boxwood Blight Quarantine, please visit [http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules\\_filings/07-24-17.pdf](http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/07-24-17.pdf).

Effective February 4, 2018, any boxwood plants (*Buxus* spp) or Sarcococca plants (*Sarcococca* spp) shipped to the State of Tennessee must be accompanied by a:

- ◆ State Phytosanitary Certificate **and**
- ◆ Compliance Agreement or Certificate showing participation in a boxwood cleanliness program

Citation: T.C.A. § 0080-06-07-.04 *Conditions for Movement of Regulated Articles (1) (a) (b)*

**I. For Licensed Alabama Nursery Growers**

A. Licensed Alabama Nursery Growers that wish to ship boxwood (*Buxus* spp) or Sarcococca plants (*Sarcococca* spp) to Tennessee must enter into a compliance agreement with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

1. Boxwood or Sarcococca plants that have been on the nursery for at least 30 days will be deemed stock from that nursery and eligible for shipment under the Alabama Boxwood Compliance Agreement.

B. Each shipment of Boxwood or Sarcococca plants must be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate.

1. Growers should notify the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries at least five (5) business days prior to the date of shipment.
2. Growers should only pull for shipment to Tennessee boxwoods that appear healthy and do not exhibit any signs of leaf drop or brown spots.
3. A single State Phytosanitary Certificate may cover multiple stops in Tennessee provided that each location receiving Boxwood or Sarcococca plants receives a copy of the Certificate.

**II. For Licensed Alabama Nursery Dealers**

A. Boxwood Blight Best Management Plans (BMPs) have been developed by AmericanHort for nursery stock growers but none, to our knowledge, have been developed for dealers. Consequently, plants brought into a nursery or dealer from another source must be held in isolation for 30 days to assure that they are clean and free from boxwood blight and other

diseases before being eligible for participation in the Alabama Boxwood Blight Compliance Agreement Program.

- B.** Each shipment of Boxwood or Sarcococca plants must be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate
  - 1.** Exporters should notify the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries at least five (5) business days prior to the date of shipment.
  - 2.** Exporters should only pull for shipment to Tennessee boxwoods that appear healthy and do not exhibit any signs of leave drop or brown spots.
  - 3.** A single State Phytosanitary Certificate may cover multiple stops in Tennessee provided that each location receiving Boxwood or Sarcococca plants receives a copy of the Certificate.
  - 4.** Only Boxwood or Sarcococca plants that have a certificate showing that the plants came from a nursery that participates in a boxwood cleanliness program are eligible for certification for shipment to Tennessee.

### **III.** General Recommendations For Shipping Boxwood Or Sarcococca Plants To Tennessee

- A.** Clean and remove soil or plant debris from racks before loading Boxwood or Sarcococca plants.
- B.** Ensure the back of the delivery truck is free from soil and plant debris before loading.
- C.** Dealers, re-wholesalers, brokers, etc. should not commingle Boxwood or Sarcococca plants from different suppliers.

Citation: T.C.A. § 0080-06-07-.04 *Conditions for Movement of Regulated Articles (5)*