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Weights & Measures Counts! Container Plants



Colorado's green industry is preparing for this year's growing season. Many businesses will offer a variety of potted vegetation, known as container plants. Container plants provide many conveniences for the purchaser and nearly every consumer buys them for their home or garden.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture, Inspection & Consumer Services Division, enforces the Measurement Standards Act (MSA). The Measurement Standards programs ensure an equitable marketplace through the testing of commercial scales, checking of package weights, and reviewing of product labeling. This year, inspectors will continue to enforce container plant labeling requirements at nurseries, greenhouses, and other retail businesses throughout Colorado.

The MSA requires that the seller provide the following basic information on the container plant label:

1. Product Identity (example: "Poinsettia")
2. Quantity Declaration (example: "1 gal (3.7 L)")
3. Statement of Responsibility (example: "ABC Greenhouses, Denver, Colorado 80211")

With this information, consumers can make informed decisions, including value comparisons between various sizes of container plants. The next time you purchase a container plant, look for the required label information, including a net volume declaration.

Please contact the Measurement Standards programs at (303) 477-4220 if you have any questions or go to [Measurement Standards - Labeling Requirements](#) for additional information.