

Nursery and Plant Regulatory Programs in Colorado

Why Regulate Nurseries, Sod growers and Landscape contractors?

- Protection of consumers from the sale of sub-standard and pest infested trees and shrubs
- Certification of nursery stock to be exported to other states and other countries
- Protection of Colorado's environment by restricting the sale and movement of prohibited noxious weeds in nursery stock

Registration

Anyone who sells or advertises with the intent to sell *nursery stock* in the state of Colorado must be registered.

What is Nursery Stock?

- Trees
- Shrubs
- Perennials
- Biennials
- Turfgrass sod

Nursery stock does not mean: bedding plants, field vegetables, annual plants, potted flowering plants or cut flowers.

Who needs to register?

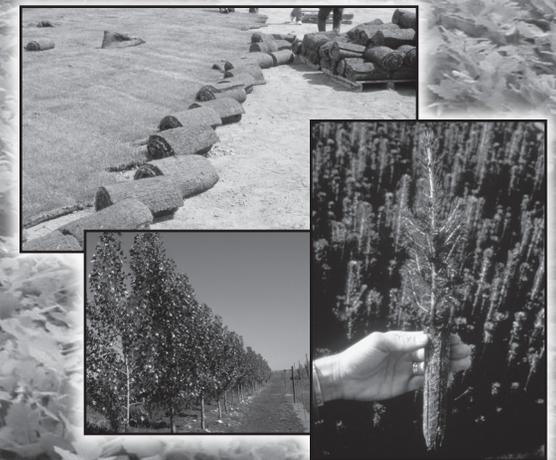
- “**Collector**” any person who collects nursery stock from native growing habitat and sells it.
- “**Landscape contractor**” a person who provides nursery stock for compensation or value as part of a site development or landscaping service.
- “**Nursery**” any grounds or premises on or in which nursery stock is propagated, held, or grown for sale purposes. Includes growing nurseries, nursery dealers and retail nurseries.

- “**Sod Grower**” any person who grows and sells turfgrass sod.

Inspection

Nurseries and sod farms are inspected once a year. A certificate of inspection or plant health certificate will be issued stating that the material is apparently free from insect pests and plant diseases.

This is a statement reflecting that pests and diseases are not in excess of the amount expected to result from accepted production practices.



Export

The phytosanitary certification program makes it possible for Colorado producers to export plant commodities to foreign countries and other states through inspection and issuance of phytosanitary export certificates.

The word Phyto-sanitary means cleanplants, with regard to pests and pathogens. This is a certificate issued at the point-of origin claiming that agricultural goods are free of certain pests and pathogens when crossing borders.

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