

Preventing the Spread of Pests at Plant Sales and Swaps:

What can you do?

1. Think about the Characteristics of the plants you want to swap/sell

- a. Do not include plants in a swap/sale that are invasive or problem plants in your garden

2. Know your pests (and their enemies)

- a. Determine what major pests affect the plants and:
 - i. Where and when to look for them,
 - ii. How to identify them,
 - iii. What type of damage they cause and
 - iv. How to control or prevent them.

3. Swap/sell only plant material that is healthy and free from pests

- a. Look for any signs of pests,
- b. Not sure what it is? Contact Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office at 1-800-287-0279 to have pests positively identified.
- c. If a plant is not of high enough quality for you to buy in a nursery, you should not include it in a swap/sale

4. Beware of hitchhiking weeds

- a. Consider bare-rooting perennials

5. Know the laws – respect quarantines

- a. Maine quarantines on plant material include:
 - i. All hemlocks brought into Maine must come from counties free from hemlock woolly adelgid,
 - ii. *Ribes spp.* (currants, gooseberries) can not be planted or sold in most parts of Maine,
 - iii. All pine species moving to Aroostook and Washington Counties must be inspected and found free from pine shoot beetle,
 - iv. All larch (*Larix spp* and *Pseudolarix spp.*) coming from parts of Waldo, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Washington Counties must be certified free from European larch canker,
 - v. 11 species of invasive aquatic plants cannot be sold in Maine.
- b. Other quarantines may also apply – check with the Maine Department of Agriculture for updates on regulations.

Need more information?

Maine Department of Agriculture
Division of Plant and Animal Health
28 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 287-3891

www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/horticulture

Websites for more information

The following are a few websites to help you learn more about plant pests.

Maine Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry

www.maine.gov/agriculture/pi/

Maine Forest Service

www.maine.gov/doc/mfs

University of Maine Cooperative Extension (UMCE)

<http://extension.umaine.edu/>

UMCE Insect & Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic

<http://umaine.edu/ipm/ipddl/>

UMCE Gardening & Horticulture

<http://umaine.edu/gardening/>

University of Maine, Analytical Lab & Soil Testing Services

<http://anlab.umesci.maine.edu/default.htm>

Maine GotPests?

www.gotpests.org

USDA APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine

www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health

National Agriculture Pest Information System

<http://ceris.purdue.edu/napis/index.html>

USDA Forest Service

www.fs.fed.us/

National Plant Board (Includes a list of state regulations)

www.nationalplantboard.org

Cornell Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab

<http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/>

UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry

www.umassgreeninfo.org/

Invasive Plant Atlas of New England

<http://nbi-nin.ciesin.columbia.edu/ipane/index.htm>

Northeastern IPM Center

<http://northeastipm.org>