



PLANT REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

DIVISION
of
PLANT INDUSTRY

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S AGRICULTURE

FLORIDA NURSERY LAW

Anyone selling or distributing nursery stock must be registered with the Division of Plant Industry. Prior to being distributed, nursery stock must be inspected by a division plant inspector. All advertisements for the sale of nursery stock are required to include the nursery or stockdealer's Certificate of Registration number. Florida plant producers must deal only in nursery stock that has been inspected and approved by the Division of Plant Industry (or imported in compliance with Florida laws) and accompanied by a valid inspection certificate as required by Chapter 581, Florida Statutes.

IMPORTS

Due to the Florida's vulnerability to pests and diseases, we have strict import regulations on plants entering the state and vary by origination location and commodity.

All shipments destined for Florida require a bill of lading, or other valid documentation which contains, at least, the following information:

- Each shipment of nursery stock must have a valid certificate of inspection issued by the state of origin attached to each package.
- Name and address of the shipper or consignor
- Name and physical address of the receiver or consignee
- Description of plants or plant products in shipment
- Country or state of origin indicated on box or container
- Ultimate destination of shipment if other than receiver or consignee

Contact your local inspector upon the arrival of plants from out of state and if you notice anything unusual on any imports, please bring this to their attention.

EXPORTS

International and national shipments of Florida organic nursery stock and plant products may require special inspections and certifications. Your local inspector can assist you with these.

After requirements are met, notice of at least 48 hours must be given before a Phytosanitary Export Certificate can be issued. At the time of notice, the following information must be provided:

- Complete address of consignee
- Botanical name and number of plants
- Number and types of containers
- Means of conveyance
- Port of entry
- Copy of Import Permit, if required

Plants must be isolated and free from pests and diseases at the time of inspection.

For more info:

[FDACS.gov/pi](https://fdacs.gov/pi)

1-888-397-1517

PlantIndustry@FDACS.gov

INSPECTION TAGS

A valid inspection tag issued by the Division of Plant Industry is required on:

- Each movement or shipment of nursery stock intended for resale within the state.
- All out-of-state movements.
- Every separate package, bundle, box or container of nursery stock that is shipped by any method, regardless of destination.
- All citrus nursery stock sold or distributed directly to Florida consumers for use as ornamental or dooryard plantings, and must include the Certificate of Registration number on each plant.



NEMATODE CERTIFICATION

Texas, California, Louisiana, Arizona and some foreign countries have certain nematode restrictions which must be met before Florida nursery stock may be certified for shipment. Nematode certifications involve a field inspection and laboratory analysis. Prior notice is needed due to the 4-6 week timeframe required to process soil and root samples. Contact the nematode regulatory specialist in your area for further information.



FIRE ANT CERTIFICATION

Florida is part of the federal quarantine for Imported Fire Ant. An Imported Fire Ant certificate may be required for plants shipped out of Florida based on destination. For further information concerning Imported Fire Ant regulations, contact your local inspector.



To find your local plant or nematode inspector, visit
FDACS.gov/Pldirectory