

## Nursery Stock Inspections

All nursery stock sold in Nevada is subject to inspection by the Department of Agriculture. Nursery stock dealers can expect to be visited by a Department inspector at least once every year. During the inspection you may be asked to provide documents to verify the origin of the stock you are offering for sale. Inspectors will also check to see that plants are free from pests, are in good condition, and are labeled according to state requirements. If plants are infested with a pest, are in poor condition, or found to be in violation of a quarantine or other requirement you may be ordered to remove the plants from sale until released by the Depart-



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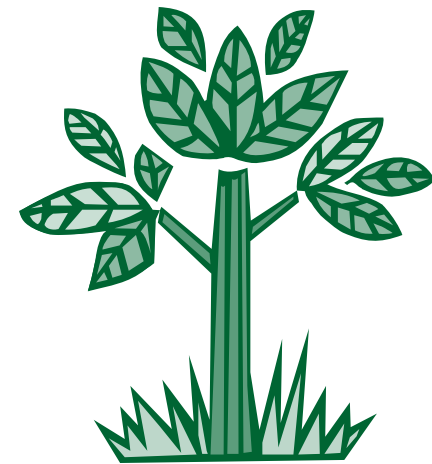
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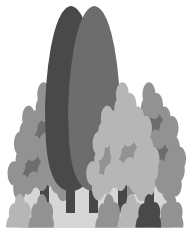
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Nevada Nursery Stock Dealer License

# Nevada Nursery Stock Dealer Laws

Laws and regulations concerning the sale of nursery stock in Nevada are found in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Administrative Code (NAC) 554 and 555. "Nursery stock" means any plant used for planting, propagation, or ornamentation and includes trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, annuals, bulbs, grass sod, vegetable plants, etc.



Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDOA) inspectors monitor: the care and condition of nursery stock offered for sale; interstate inspection and quarantine requirements; labeling standards; and pest cleanliness. A brief summary of Nevada's nursery and landscape requirements follows.

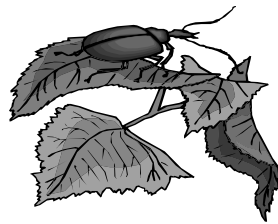
**License to Sell Nursery Stock (NRS 555.236)** Any person who sells nursery stock must obtain a nursery stock dealer license from NDOA. This includes retail and wholesale nurseries, hardware and home improvement centers, landscapers, landscape architects, peddlers, and brokers.

## Inspection (NRS 555.244)

NDOA periodically inspects businesses that sell or hold nursery stock. Retail and wholesale nurseries, landscapers, hardware and home improvement stores are inspected. NDOA inspectors verify compliance with nursery stock dealer requirements and survey for pests of concern to the green industry and the state as a whole.

## Freedom from Pests (NAC 555.160)

All nursery stock being offered for sale should be free of pests. If infested plants are found during an inspection the inspector may order that the stock be removed from sale until the pest is controlled. The premises on which nursery stock is held or sold must also be free of pests that could be the source of harmful infestations.



**Labeling (NAC 555.130).** All nursery stock should be labeled with the correct common and/or botanical name and if applicable, the grade or size. "B&B" (ball and burlap) plants sold in containers must be labeled as "B & B", "bagged and potted" or similar wording to distinguish such stock from container grown plants.

## Care and Condition (NAC 555.150)

Nursery stock offered for sale must be healthy and stored or displayed under conditions of light and temperature that will maintain its

vigor.

## Inspection Certificates (NRS

**555.246)** All shipments of nursery stock coming into Nevada must be accompanied by certificates issued by the state of origin verifying that the shipping nursery has been inspected and found free of harmful pests, and if the commodity is under



Nevada or federal quarantine, a "certificate of quarantine compliance" or "phytosanitary certificate". A business that accepts a shipment of nursery stock not accompanied by the required certificates risks exposing nursery stock already in their possession to harmful pests. To accept shipments without the required certificates is a violation of NRS 555.246 and could subject the receiving business to enforcement action, including substantial fines. Inspection certificates and certificates of quarantine compliance must be kept on file at the location where the plants are being sold.

**Questions?** Call a nursery inspector located at one of the NDOA locations shown on the back of this brochure or visit our website at:

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