

WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION:

Apply:

- * Fill out the BMP Applicant Questionnaire and email it to CDFA. CDFA will review this document and reach out to schedule an initial site visit.

Initial site visit:

- * CDFA will assess the nursery Critical Control Points (CCP), assess potential pathways of introduction and spread in the existing practices and nursery layout and, in partnership with the grower, determine which BMPs are currently in place and offer recommendations.

- * Collection of plant, soil, water samples as needed for laboratory testing for pathogens and pests.

BMP Manual:

- * Begin development of BMP manual with CDFA assistance. This manual should include timelines of implementing additional BMPs.

Yearly CCP inspection:

- * Inspections will occur to assess BMP development, changes in nursery practices, cleanliness of plants (visual and laboratory testing) and continued development of the BMP manual.

CDFA NURSERY PROGRAM

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/nursery/bmp.html>

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROGRAM

Start Clean, Stay Clean!

CDFA and the National Ornamental Research Site at Dominican University CA (NORS-DUC) have developed a voluntary program for ornamental and native plant nurseries which encourages and guides the implementation of BMPs in their plant production systems. The goal is to reduce the risk of introducing soil-borne plant pathogens into nursery operations and managed wildland landscapes through a systems approach to nursery stock production.

Avoid or minimize accumulation of standing surface water in planting beds and roads.

Rationale: *Phytophthora* can be transmitted via water and the zoospores can swim from pot to pot. The pathogen may potentially enter through the roots or by splashing onto leaf surfaces. Standing water puddles in the nursery provide optimum conditions for *Phytophthora* to thrive.



Why prepare a written BMP manual?

- ◇ Gives customers confidence in your product
- ◇ Provides training material for employees

How do BMPs Benefit Nurseries?

- ◇ Increases production of better nursery stock
- ◇ Reduces pest risk in outgoing nursery stock
- ◇ Reduces crop failure and economic losses
- ◇ Provides access to expert advice and laboratory testing from CDFA scientists
- ◇ Become an ambassador for the nursery industry
- ◇ Occurrence of other pests and diseases may also be reduced when implementing these BMPs

