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What Nurseries Need to Know About the Invasive Species Regulation? New Publication for Nursery Growers

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A new publication for nursery growers has been released! This publication, a joint venture between Purdue University and Indiana Department of Natural Resources, informs that nursery and landscape industry about new state regulations regarding invasive plants. The rule goes into effect in two stages. As of April 18, 2019, it is illegal to introduce a plant species (from the list of 44) if it is not already in Indiana. Listed plant species already in trade will be restricted from sale one year later (April 2020). The one-year grace period is designed to reduce the economic impact on the nursery industry by allowing time to sell down existing stock and adjust production.

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What Nurseries Need to Know About the Invasive Species Regulation

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By now most growers in Indiana's nursery industry are probably familiar with, or have heard mention of, the problems associated with species of plants that have become invasive. This document seeks to update the nursery and landscape industry about legislative steps the State of Indiana has taken in response to this problem. Educating clients on better selections has long been part of the job. This document provides information to help the nursery industry stay compliant with new laws that just took effect and those that will take effect in 2020.

The *Indiana Terrestrial Plant Rule* (312 IAC 18-3-25) makes it illegal to sell, gift, barter, exchange, distribute, transport or introduce 44 species of plants in the State of Indiana.

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From the nursery industry's perspective, the inclusion of the one-year grace period is important. It reflects lessons learned from the emerald ash borer invasion. The nursery industry suffered major economic losses from that ongoing invasion, which continues to haunt the Indiana landscape. Purdue Extension published a document for the nursery industry that lists potential replacement species that an operation can consider when reducing/eliminating a species that is considered invasive.

Figure 1. Click the link above the image to receive a free download of the new publication for growers: What Nurseries Need to Know About the Invasive Species Regulation.

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