



Retail Nursery Guidance for Incoming Plant Material

Invasive agricultural pests represent a threat to San Diego's nearly \$1.2 billion ornamental nursery industry. They damage crops and the environment, increase pesticide use, and spread easily via the movement of nursery stock and other plants. Inspection of incoming plant material by the San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) is the first line of defense against pests introduced on imported nursery stock. Place any newly arrived suspect or infested plants on hold in a designated holding area and contact AWM as required so potential pests are addressed quickly.

Steps for Receiving Plant Material Originating from outside California

1. **Hold** the newly arrived plants in a secured, no-customer holding area and clearly marked: "Not for Sale". These plants must remain on hold and unavailable for sale until released by AWM.
2. **Gather** all shipping documents for AWM review including:
 - o All invoices or shipping documents associated with these plants
 - o The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Quarantine Warning Hold Notice (Form 008 - Truck Freight or Sea Freight). See examples below.
 - o Phytosanitary certificates (from US states or other countries) if available
 - o Any documents with Blue Tags attached (See example below). AWM receives lower portion
3. **Notify** AWM within 24 hours of the shipment arrival at **(760) 752-4713**

When you receive plants with any of the following documents attached, you must hold the shipment and call us at **(760) 752-4713**

Form 008 Truck Freight

Form 008 Sea Freight

Blue Tag

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