

# Clean Plants

How does becoming  
Clean Plants Certified  
help your nursery?

Formerly called the Domestic Phytosanitary Certification Program (DPCP)



## Get in touch

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## The upside to Clean Plants

Clean Plants Certified nurseries represent the cutting edge of horticulture. Like ISO and other systems-based quality assurance programs, Clean Plants provides a distinct marketing advantage. Why Clean Plants nurseries?

- Offer buyers confidence that they are receiving problem-free goods
- Are able to fill orders that spec Clean Plants Certification
- Can track the source and destination of all products
- Have systems to protect themselves from invasive pests and plants
- Help the environment and our foreign trade ability by preventing movement of quarantined and regulated pests
- Are equipped to handle incidents of quarantine with limited loss, and are better prepared to manage CFIA requirements

### *P. ramorum* Certified? Here's how you can save

When you become Phase 1 Clean Plants Certified, and pay up front, no additional fee will be charged for the *P. ramorum* program. The *P. ramorum* program fee is \$250.

For more on the Phase 1 Clean Plants option turn over...





## Phase 1 Clean Plants for *P. ramorum* Certified Nurseries

As of April 1, 2012, the *P. ramorum* Certification Program has been integrated into the nationally accepted Clean Plants Certification Program.

For full Clean Plants Certification, you must complete the whole process: apply, submit manual, pass an audit. Details at [www.cleanplants.ca](http://www.cleanplants.ca)

## Questions & Answers

**So what's the downside to Clean Plants?** There is no doubt that you will need to invest both time and money to become Clean Plants Certified. But once the system is in place, most growers find it to be a manageable routine that signifies an increased level of professionalism at their nurseries.

**Is Clean Plants for everyone?** Some nurseries have a clientele that is not concerned with Certification. They may not ship to other growers, or may be highly specialized and localized. Each grower must do their own assessment as to the return on their investment in this program.

**How much work will this take?** It depends on the scale of your nursery, but most nurseries intuitively fulfill most of the requirements; all that's needed is to write the manual. For *P. ramorum* Certified nurseries, much of your info simply needs to be transcribed into the Clean Plants manual. On average, manual writing is reported to take about a week.

**The manual is 83 pages long?!** Yes. But the majority includes helpful info and checklists, and does not require written comment; some sections may not apply to you—in that case, simply mark them N/A.

**Can't you give me a completed one to copy?**

It's important that you write and understand your customized manual. Your company is unique, and so must be its systems so they make sense to the business you run.

**Are there certain buyers who demand Clean Plants?** Several municipalities are planning to require Clean Plants Certified stock.

**What does Clean Plants have to do with "CNCP"?**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) created CNCP for nurseries that ship product internationally on a fairly regular basis. As a rule, CNCP nurseries may not have more than 5% of their plant stock originating from non-CNCP vendors. But, Clean Plants Certified nurseries are an exception to the rule, and can supply CNCP clients.

**Is anyone already Clean Plants Certified?** Yes! Find a current list on [www.cleanplants.ca](http://www.cleanplants.ca).

**Is anyone doing the Phase 1 Clean Plants thing?** Yes! A number of formerly *P. ramorum* Certified nurseries have begun to transition to Clean Plants through the Phase 1 Clean Plants gradual integration option. Find a current list on [www.cleanplants.ca](http://www.cleanplants.ca).

**Is this all I need to know?**

If you think the Clean Plants Certification program is right for you, contact our staff or visit [www.cleanplants.ca](http://www.cleanplants.ca) for all the info.

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