

C. buxicola

Domestic Phytosanitary Certification program

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Introducing Phase 1 *C. buxicola* Certification



The Canadian Nursery Certification Institute has developed a program for nurseries to minimize the risk of moving *C. buxicola* through the wholesale nursery system. This new program includes aspects of the Clean Plants certification program, while focusing on risk management, specifically for *C. buxicola*. This program will enable Phase 1 *C. buxicola* certified nurseries to transition into the full Clean Plants program without lengthy delays.

The Phase 1 *C. buxicola* certification program includes:

- Monitoring
- Surveillance
- Traceability
- Biosecurity
- Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) accredited auditing to ensure compliance and improve consumer confidence



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Contact Rita Weerdenbug, Program Advisor, to set up a free consultation and determine if certification is right for you.

Phase 1 Clean Plants for *C. buxicola*

CNCI has recently developed a program for nurseries that want a system in place to reduce the risk of Boxwood Blight.

If your nursery is not already on the Clean Plants program, you have the option to join today through the Phase 1 gradual integration option, or after developing your manual. This allows you to begin the process of Clean Plants, focusing on *C. buxicola*, before integrating into the full Clean Plants program.

Application Fees:

Provincial nursery association members:

\$250 (Sales up to \$2 million)

\$500 (Sales \$2-5 million)

\$1000 (Sales over \$5 million)

Non members:

\$1000 (Sales up to \$300,000)

\$1400 (Sales \$300,000 - 600,000)

\$1800 (Sales \$600,000 - 2 million)

\$2500 (Sales \$2-5 million)

\$3500 (Sales over \$5 million)

A Workshop Training DVD for \$250 enables you to learn about the program and write your own manual tailored to your nursery.

Technical Assistance is available to develop your manual by contacting the Program Advisor, Dr. Jeanine West.

Questions & Answers

How much is the Phase 1 *C. buxicola* certification going to cost my nursery? Each nursery has their own IPM programs and Best Management Practices (BMPs). Many are already informally implementing some of the BMPs in the *C. buxicola* program. This program enables you to clearly show your clients the steps you are taking to minimize movement of *C. buxicola* in your nursery stock.

What do I need to do? Contact the CNCI Program Advisor in Ontario, Rita Weerdenburg, who can provide you with the details and processes, which include:

- Print the Phase 1 *C. buxicola* standard & appendices, available at www.cleanplants.ca under downloads.
- Have an onsite visit to evaluate your current status.
- Review the workshop DVD
- Write your manual - schedule an on site manual training session with Rita Weerdenburg.
- Implement what you have written in your nursery manual if you haven't already done so.
- Consider joining Clean Plants.

What about implementation costs? Some nurseries find it difficult to formalize BMPs and integrate it into regular work procedures. Generally nurseries

on the program are able to find gaps and highlight areas in need of improvement.

What are the main components of the Phase 1 *C. buxicola* program?

1. **Monitoring & Surveillance** - Staff are specifically trained to identify potential issues with regards to *C. buxicola* and use BMPs such as sanitation, disinfection and appropriate blocking of plants to minimize potential movement.
2. **Traceability** - be able to identify where your plants come from, move within the nursery, and are shipped using your nursery's own method of identification (blocking, software or other measures).
3. **Biosecurity** - all staff and customers are aware of the risk of pest spread.

Are there other ways to be *C. buxicola* certified? Nurseries currently on the Clean Plants program may add a new *C. buxicola* module to their nursery manual and become certified for Clean Plants with the *C. buxicola* pest specific module. These nurseries will be listed on the Clean Plants website.

Next Steps

Nurseries may implement all BMPs of the Phase 1 *C. buxicola* program without being audited, however, an audit allows the nursery to be posted on the Clean Plants website as Phase 1 *C. buxicola* Certified. Customers may refer to the web to see who is certified to ensure confidence in their purchases.

Nurseries who are Phase 1 *C. buxicola* certified are already a considerable way down the road to becoming fully Clean Plants Certified - with traceability, monitoring and surveillance already in place. Nurseries will be encouraged to participate in the full Clean Plants program within one year.

Nurseries may wish to take advantage of current subsidized training sessions to write their manuals to be able to implement the program with an audit when they wish.