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Nursery Certification Update

There have been important changes to the Domestic Phytosanitary Certification Program (DPCP), now called “Clean Plants”

New Developments

- The name of the Domestic Phytosanitary Certification Program (DPCP) has been changed to “Clean Plants”. Nursery growers have expressed that “DPCP” was a bit of a tongue twister and that the program name should be more reflective of the program's benefits.
- Nurseries currently certified on the program will be sent stamps with the new program name via email shortly. DPCP Stamps with the “DPCP” name will still be valid until December 31, 2010.
- Your DPCP certification number will now be called a “Clean Plants” certification number; otherwise it remains the same.
- Invoices for the annual fees for the Clean Plants (DPCP) program will be sent out later this week. Financial management of the Clean Plants Program will now be administered by the BC Landscape and Nursery Association. Please make cheques payable to the “BC Landscape and Nursery Association” (or BCLNA); or call Trina at the BCLNA office to pay by credit card over the phone.
- Revisions to references of the program name will be made to the www.cleanplants.ca website and program documents over the next few months.

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Phase 1 Clean Plants

- Since BC nurseries certified in the *P. ramorum* Certification Program are already implementing many of the processes and measures required for the Clean Plants Program, including inspections, monitoring and record keeping, it was determined by CNCI that, under certain criteria, *P. ramorum* Certified Nurseries should have the option of becoming certified as “**Phase I Clean Plants**”.
- **Phase 1 Clean Plants Nurseries are enabled to ship to fully-certified Clean Plants (DPCP) Nurseries and Municipalities as Certified stock, thus eliminating the Clean Plants (DPCP) program requirement of a 120-day residency for outdoor grown plants and 30-day residency for greenhouse grown plants and the necessary audit requirement that accompanies uncertified stock.**
- In order to qualify as a Phase 1 Clean Plants Nursery, interested *P. ramorum* Certified Nurseries must apply to the Clean Plants program and fulfill certain criteria. For details regarding the necessary criteria to apply for Phase 1 Clean Plants certification, visit www.cleanplants.ca.
- CNCI Administration will review each application to ensure that the necessary criteria have been fulfilled before approval for Phase 1 Clean Plants certification will be granted to the nursery.
- If approved, the nursery will be provided with a unique Clean Plants Certification number and a Phase 1 Clean Plants stamp, and will be added to the list of Clean Plants certified nurseries as a “Phase 1 Clean Plants” nursery on www.cleanplants.ca.
- Phase 1 Clean Plants certification will expire March 31st, 2012.
- Phase 1 Clean Plants Nurseries must fulfill all requirements of the Clean Plants (DPCP) program, including having a CNCI-approved Clean Plants (DPCP) Manual and successfully completing a Clean Plants Initial Facility Audit prior to the expiry date.
- As of March 31st, 2012, the *P. ramorum* Certification Program will be integrated as a module of the Clean Plants Program and will no longer be offered as a stand-alone program.



For more information on the Clean Plants and *P. ramorum* Certification programs, visit www.cleanplants.ca.

For further program details, please contact Trina Tang, Nursery Certification Coordinator, at ttang@bclna.com; or 604-574-7772 ext. 102; or Toll Free (in BC only): 1-800-421-7963 ext. 102.