

# ONLINE ENFORCEMENT OF WSDA PLANT QUARENTINES

May 2022

- ▶ Who I am, what I'm doing
- ▶ What does the WSDA Plant Services Program do generally
- ▶ What we have been doing
  - ▶ Emphasizing education in the communication
  - ▶ Work with independent sites
  - ▶ Larger ones
    - ▶ Amazon (big enforcement, filters)
    - ▶ eBay (big enforcement, filters)
    - ▶ Etsy (small enforcement, individual contact)
  - ▶ Responding to outside requests
    - ▶ Other Washington State staff, inside and outside plant services, and stakeholders.
    - ▶ Working with WDFW on morimo moss balls (we didn't end up doing much, but their ears might perk up)
- ▶ Future Plans
- ▶ Time for questions.

# The Position

- ▶ Grant funded by the USDA
  - ▶ Position started July 1st
  - ▶ 3/5 of time to be spent on Online Enforcement
  - ▶ 2/5 of time on other activities (not funded by grant)
- ▶ Methodology of outreach
  - ▶ Searching the web for potential violations of WSDA quarantines
    - ▶ Contacting the seller or sales platform with various methods to rectify the potential issue
  - ▶ Preemptive outreach
    - ▶ Some underserved area of enforcement or to preempt issues with a change in rules
  - ▶ Tracking and Reports
    - ▶ Recording all contact

# Washington State Department of Agriculture Plant Services Program



# Stats (What we've done so far)

- ▶ Number of Contacts: 1361
- ▶ Potential Quarantine Violations found: 2126
- ▶ Number of Violations known to be corrected: 1085
- ▶ “Assumed” success rate: ~%51



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Plant Services Program • P. O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560 • (360) 902-1874*

Dear Retailer,

Your online business may be offering plants or seeds that are prohibited in Washington.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture would like to take this opportunity to educate you about our Noxious Weed and Plant Quarantine (WAC 16-752-600).

*Scientific name, common name* is a noxious weed in the state of Washington, and it is also on the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Plant Quarantine list, which prohibits the sale of this species. Quarantined species are illegal to transport, buy, sell or offer for sale (WAC 16-752-400; 16-752-500; 16-752-600). It is also illegal to distribute seed packets, flower seed blends or “wildflower mixes” of these plants.

Please stop sale of all of the above plants or seeds to Washington State customers via mail order and your website. It may be helpful to add a text line in your catalog below these products that states, “cannot be shipped to Washington State”.

*In addition, WSDA would like to remind you that all plants with soil from states regulated for Japanese beetle must comply with Federal and State quarantines. A Certificate of Quarantine Compliance is required for each shipment and pre-notification is required. For a list of Japanese beetle regulated states, click [here](#).*

Thank you for taking the time to look into this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Washington State Department of Agriculture  
Plant Services Program  
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## Hardiness Zone

8B

My Location: 98409

[Edit](#)



Checkmarked items are compatible with your location.

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## Filter Items by

### Characteristics

Self-Pollinating 17

### Packaging

Bare-root 18

Potted 4



Shipping Prohibited



Canadice Seedless Grape

★★★★☆ (25)

\$19.99



Concord Seedless Grape

★★★★☆ (123)

\$21.99



Shipping Prohibited



Cowart Muscadine Grape

★★★★☆ (21)

\$17.99



Flame Seedless Grape

★★★★☆ (30)

\$19.99



Frontenac Grape

★★★★☆ (23)

\$17.99



Shipping Prohibited



Frontenac Gris Grape

★★★★☆ (3)

\$17.99



Shipping Prohibited



Fry Muscadine Grape

★★★★☆ (15)

\$17.99



Shipping Prohibited



Itasca Grape

★★★★☆ (5)

\$17.99

alexa built-in "Alexa, show me the kitchen." Shop Facebook Portal with Alexa Shop now

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Click image to open expanded view



# Funky Arum Italicum Marmoratum! 10 Seeds - Easy to grow

Price: \$2.89

Get \$50 off instantly: Pay \$0.00 \$2.89 upon approval for the Amazon Rewards Visa Card. No annual fee.

Report incorrect product information.

Park Seed Mini Harvest Blend Pumpkin Seeds, Miniature Pumpkin Seeds, Includes 25 Seeds in a Pack \$8.95 prime

Sponsored

\$2.89

This item cannot be shipped to your selected delivery location. Please choose a different delivery location.

Select delivery location

In Stock.

Qty: 1

Add to Cart

Buy Now

Secure transaction

Ships from Sold by

Return policy: Eligible for Return, Refund or Replacement within 30 days of receipt

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### SCOTCH BROOM Cytisus Scoparius 25,50 SEEDS

Condition: --  
"TESTED AND VIABLE SEEDS. FLAT SHIPPING."

Amount of seeds:

Quantity:  9 available  
**306 sold** / [See feedback](#)

Price: **US \$1.59**

**Buy It Now**

**Add to cart**

**Add to Watchlist**

**100% buyer satisfaction**

306 sold

More than 95% sold

Shipping: **\$4.83** Economy Shipping | [See details](#)  
Located in: Jacksonville, Florida, United States  
Ships to: United States [See exclusions](#)

Delivery: Estimated on or before **Thu. Sep. 30** to 98465

Payments:

#### Shop with confidence

**eBay Money Back Guarantee**  
 Get the item you ordered or get your money back.  
[Learn more](#)

#### Seller information

99.4% Positive feedback

- Save this Seller
- Contact seller
- Visit store
- See other items

**Feedback**



 You may not purchase this item because it is restricted for sale in Washington state. You need to choose another shipping address outside of Washington if you would like to continue.(e78269-1193474x)

You can also:

- [Look at similar items](#)
- [Go to My eBay](#)

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29,058 sales | ★★★★★

# Medicinal Blessed Organic Silybum Marianum, Thistle

**\$2.73** ~~\$3.99~~

You save \$1.17 (30%)

✓ In stock

Quantity

1

Buy it now

Add to cart



Other people want this. 3 people have this in their carts right now.



Arrives by Oct 4-7 if you order today.  
Nice choice! Enjoy free shipping to the US when you spend \$35+ at this shop.

## Highlights

👉 Handmade



3,689 reviews ★★★★★

★ Buyers are raving! Multiple people gave 5-star reviews to this shop in the past 7 days.

Reviews for this item

5

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Sort by: Recommended ▼



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Previously Recorded

M-82132

Cottage Farms  
2-Piece  
Butterfly Bush  
Rainbow  
Live Plants

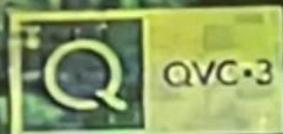
QVC PRICE  
~~\$25.00~~

SALE PRICE  
**\$20.67**

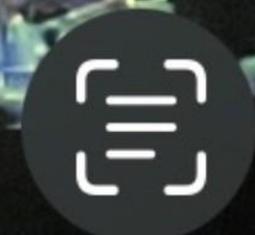
3 EASY PAYMENTS  
FREE S&H

Offers & inventory  
may have changed.  
The price on screen is  
the price you will pay.

**QVC.com**  
**800-600-3144**



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M82132

## Cottage Farms 2-Piece Butterfly Bush Rainbow Live Plants

★★★★★ (0) [Read Reviews](#)

Stock Image



QVC PRICE:

~~\$25.00~~

SALE PRICE:

**\$20.67**

+Free Standard S&H

or 3 Easy Pays of \$6.89

+ S&H and tax

[Offer Details >](#)

[Available on Waitlist](#)

Quantity:

Quantity selector:

Get More with QCard®



Limited time! Earn a \$20 QVC® credit—see details.†



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PlantsAndLasers

485 sales | ★★★★★

### Miniature Cowboy Hat - Perfect Accessory for Moss Balls, Tiny Plants, Pets & Anything Else You Can Think Of! - Funny Gift for Planty People

Bestseller

\$4.99

✓ In stock

Quantity

1

Buy it now

Add to cart



Other people want this. 6 people have this in their carts right now.



Arrives by Oct 1-5 if you order today.

# Future Plans

- ▶ A set and shareable standard operating procedure.
- ▶ Discussions about a larger national effort.

# Questions?

► Contact:

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