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The Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List

Following is a list of plants, including all cultivars, varieties and hybrids, for which the sale, import, trade, purchase, distribution, propagation, and related activities are currently prohibited within the state of Massachusetts:

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	sycamore maple
<i>Aeginetia</i> spp.	aeginetia
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	bishop's weed; goutweed
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	crofton weed
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven
<i>Alectra</i> spp.	alectra
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard
<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	sessile joyweed
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	porcelain-berry; Amur peppervine
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	wild chervil
<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i>	hairy joint grass; jointhead; small carpetgrass
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	onion weed
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	animated oat
<i>Azolla pinnata</i>	mosquito fern
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry; European barberry
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Carolina fanwort; fanwort
<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	bushy rock-cress; narrowleaf bittercress
<i>Carex kobomugi</i>	Japanese sedge; Asiatic sand sedge
<i>Carthamus oxyacanthus</i> ; <i>C. oxyacantha</i>	wild safflower; jeweled distaff thistle
<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>	caulerpa
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Asiatic bittersweet
<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i> ; <i>C. stoebe</i> ssp. <i>micranthos</i>	spotted knapweed
<i>Chrysopogon aciculatus</i>	pilipiliula
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	Benghal dayflower
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	common crupina
<i>Cuscuta</i> spp. (Non-native)	dodder
<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	black swallow-wort; Louise's swallow-wort
<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i>	pale swallow-wort
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> *	Scotch broom*
<i>Digitaria abyssinica</i> ; <i>D. scalarum</i>	African couch grass

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<i>Digitaria velutina</i>	velvet fingergrass
<i>Drymaria arenarioides</i>	alfombrilla
<i>Egeria densa; Elodea densa; Anacharis densa</i>	anacharis; Brazilian waterweed; Brazilian elodea
<i>Eichhornia azurea</i>	anchored water hyacinth
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	autumn olive
<i>Emex australis</i>	three-cornered jack
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	devil's thorn
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	hairy willow-herb; codlins and cream
<i>Eragrostis curvula*</i>	weeping lovegrass*
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	burning bush; winged euonymus
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress spurge
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	leafy spurge; wolf's milk
<i>Fallopia japonica; Polygonum cuspidatum; Reynoutria japonica</i>	Japanese knotweed
<i>Festuca filiformis</i>	hair fescue; fineleaf sheep fescue
<i>Ficaria verna; Ranunculus ficaria</i>	lesser celandine; fig buttercup
<i>Frangula alnus; Rhamnus frangula</i>	European buckthorn; glossy buckthorn
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	goatsrue
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	horned poppy; sea poppy; yellow hornpoppy
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	tall mannagrass; reed mannagrass
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	giant hogweed
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	dame's rocket
<i>Homeria spp.; Moraea spp.</i>	Cape tulip
<i>Humulus japonicus</i>	Japanese hops
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla; water-thyme; Florida elodea
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	Miramar weed
<i>Imperata brasiliensis</i>	Brazilian satintail
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> [PERMIT REQUIRED – contact MDAR]	water spinach [PERMIT REQUIRED – contact MDAR]
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow Iris
<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i>	murain-grass
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	oxygen weed
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	broad-leafed pepperweed; tall pepperweed
<i>Leptochloa chinensis</i>	Asian sprangletop
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>	border privet
<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>	ambulia
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	Amur honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	Morrow's honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Tatarian honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera x bella [L. morrowii x L. tatarica]</i>	Bell's honeysuckle
<i>Lycium ferrocissimum</i>	African boxthorn
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	creeping Jenny; moneywort
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple loosestrife
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	melaleuca

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<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i>	Malabar melastome
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass; Nepalese browntop
<i>Mikania cordata</i>	mile-a-minute; heartleaf hempvine
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	mile-a-minute; bittervine
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i> ; <i>M. invisa</i>	giant false sensitive plant; false sensitive plant
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	catclaw mimosa
<i>Miscanthus sacchariflorus</i> (also covers <i>Miscanthus x giganteus</i> , a hybrid of <i>M. sacchariflorus</i> and <i>M. sinensis</i>)	plume grass; Amur silvergrass
<i>Monochoria hastata</i>	monochoria
<i>Monochoria vaginalis</i> ; <i>Pontederia vaginalis</i>	pickerel weed
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	forget-me-not
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrot-feather; water-feather; Brazilian water-milfoil
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	variable water-milfoil; two-leaved water-milfoil
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian or European water-milfoil; Spike water-milfoil
<i>Najas minor</i>	brittle water-nymph; lesser naiad
<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	serrated tussock
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floating heart
<i>Opuntia aurantiaca</i>	jointed prickly pear
<i>Orobanche</i> spp. (Non-native)	broomrape
<i>Oryza longistaminata</i>	longstamen rice; red rice
<i>Oryza punctata</i>	red rice
<i>Oryza rufipogon</i>	brownbeard rice; red rice
<i>Ottelia alismoides</i>	duck-lettuce
<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i>	Kodo-millet
<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>	kikuyugrass
<i>Pennisetum macrourum</i>	African feathergrass
<i>Pennisetum pedicellatum</i>	Kyasuma grass
<i>Pennisetum polystachyon</i> ; <i>P. polystachion</i>	missiongrass
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary-grass; ribbon grass
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	Amur cork-tree
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed
<i>Pinus thunbergii</i> *	Japanese black pine*
<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	mile-a-minute vine or weed; Asiatic tearthumb
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	crisped pondweed; curly pondweed
<i>Prosopis pallida</i>	kiawe
<i>Prosopis reptans</i>	tornillo
<i>Prosopis strombulifera</i>	Argentine screwbean
<i>Prosopis velutina</i>	velvet mesquite
<i>Pueraria montana</i>	kudzu; Japanese arrowroot
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	creeping buttercup
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	common buckthorn
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	black locust
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>	water yellowcress; great yellowcress
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose

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<i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i>	itchgrass
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	wild blackberry complex
<i>Rubus moluccanus</i>	wild blackberry
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	wineberry; Japanese wineberry; wine raspberry
<i>Saccharum spontaneum</i>	wild sugarcane
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>	arrowhead
<i>Salix atrocinerea</i> ; <i>Salix cinerea</i> ssp. <i>oleifolia</i>	large gray willow
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	gray willow; rusty willow
<i>Salsola vermiculata</i>	wormleaf salsola
<i>Salvinia auriculata</i>	giant salvinia; eared watermoss
<i>Salvinia biloba</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Salvinia herzogii</i>	giant salvinia
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	giant salvinia; kariba-weed
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	tansy ragwort; stinking Willie
<i>Setaria pallidifusca</i> ; <i>S. pallidifusca</i> ; <i>S. pumila</i>	cattail grass; yellow foxtail
<i>Solanum tampicense</i>	wetland nightshade
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	turkeyberry
<i>Solanum viarum</i>	tropical soda apple
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	exotic bur-reed
<i>Spermacoce alata</i>	borreria
<i>Striga</i> spp.	witchweed
<i>Trapa natans</i>	water chestnut
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	coat buttons
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	coltsfoot
<i>Urochloa panicoides</i>	liverseed grass

Phase-out period for newly listed prohibited species:

As of 12/31/2022, nursery agents/growers may no longer receive or begin propagation of the following species: *Cytisus scoparius* (Scotch broom), *Eragrostis curvula* (Weeping Lovegrass), and *Pinus thunbergii* (Japanese Black Pine). **Existing stock** received or propagated before this date may be sold according to the following schedule:

- *Cytisus scoparius* (Scotch broom): No sales permitted after **12/31/2024**
- *Eragrostis curvula* (Weeping Lovegrass): No sales permitted after **12/31/2023**
- *Pinus thunbergii* (Japanese Black Pine): No sales permitted after **12/31/2025**

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