

Valued Customers,

The urgency around Boxwood Blight (*Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum*) has increased. It has been identified in areas throughout the United States, however at this time the disease has **NOT** been found in Indiana. This situation is of great concern to us and we are committed to taking precautions to deliver the highest quality, disease-free product available.

We continue to work with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and our local inspector to stay apprised of the situation and mitigate our risk. After a thorough inspection of our nursery, the D.N.R. certified our boxwood crops to be disease free.

So that we are proactive, and due to the serious nature of this disease, we have implemented best practices which include:

- Daily, Weekly, monthly inspections.
- Preventative fungicide applications.
- Training to educate staff at all levels about the severity of the potential problem.
- Stringent controls of inbound and outbound boxwood plants to our nurseries.

What these stringent controls mean for you:

- All boxwood sales are final; once boxwood leaves our nursery, we are unable to accept returns for any reason.
- No outside boxwood may be brought onto Brehob property.
- We will not accept any outside refuse at our facilities or in our dumpsters.

We realize that these practices are somewhat inconvenient, but without them, it will be impossible for us to provide disease-free products to you. We are confident that the best management practices we have implemented will allow us to provide disease-free boxwood crops now and in the future.

If you have any questions or for more information regarding boxwood blight, please refer to the following websites for further information:

[www.amerinursery.com/growing/beating-boxwood-blight/](http://www.amerinursery.com/growing/beating-boxwood-blight/)

Thank you for supporting our best practices program to combat Boxwood Blight.

Scott Lawson, Chief Operating Officer

