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The Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List

Following is a list of plants for which importation and propagation is currently prohibited within the state of Massachusetts.

The original list of prohibited plants went into effect January 1, 2006. Certain species were subject to a phase-out period that expired on January 1, 2009. Three new species were added in February 2017. As of this date, the sale, trade, purchase, distribution and related activities for the species below, including all cultivars, varieties and hybrids, are not allowed:

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>	Oriental or 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.	dodder
<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	black swallow-wort; Louise's swallow-wort
<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i>	pale swallow-wort
<i>Digitaria abyssinica</i> ; <i>D. scalarum</i>	African couch grass
<i>Digitaria velutina</i>	velvet fingergrass

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<i>Drymaria arenarioides</i>	alfombrilla
<i>Egeria densa</i> ; <i>Elodea densa</i> ; <i>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>Euonymus alatus</i>	burning bush ; winged euonymus
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress spurge
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	leafy Spurge ; Wolf's Milk
<i>Festuca filiformis</i>	hair fescue ; fineleaf sheep fescue
<i>Frangula alnus</i> ; <i>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>	Dames Rocket
<i>Homeria</i> spp.; <i>Morea</i> spp.	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]	Chinese waterspinach [PERMIT REQUIRED – contact MDAR]
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow Iris
<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i>	muraïn-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</i> [<i>L. morrowii</i> x <i>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
<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>	pickerel weed
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	forget-me-not
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrot-feather ; water-feather ; Brazilian water-milfoil

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<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 spp.</i>	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; 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>Polygonum cuspidatum; Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese knotweed
<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 ficaria</i>	lesser celandine; fig buttercup
<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
<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; Salix cinerea ssp. 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 S. pallidifusca; 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

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<i>Spermacoce alata</i>	borreria
<i>Striga spp.</i>	witchweed
<i>Trapa natans</i>	water-chestnut
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	coat buttons
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	coltsfoot
<i>Urochloa panicoides</i>	liverseed grass

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