

Propagation Ban and Sampling of Plants Susceptible to Plum Pox Virus

Between May and September 2019, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be inspecting selected rural and residential properties in the Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton to sample susceptible trees for the Plum Pox Virus and/or to verify compliance with the propagation ban that is in place. This means that property owners may see CFIA inspectors on their property.

Specific areas of the Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton are currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of Plum Pox Virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Plum Pox Virus quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

For a listing of the regulated plants and more information about the regulated area, please contact the CFIA at:

905-938-5060 or inspection.gc.ca/plum-pox-virus