

1st STOP CHECKLIST: NURSERY/GREENHOUSE

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

Nursery means “any grounds or premises on or in which nursery stock is propagated or grown for sale.”

Nursery stock means “(1) any hardy [capable of surviving the normal winter temperatures of this state] tree, shrub, plant, or bulb, whether wild or cultivated, except turf grass, and any cutting, graft, scion, or bud thereof; (2) any non-hardy plant, or plant part, which is to be offered for sale in any state which requires inspection and certification of such plant or plant part as a condition of entrance therein (this includes Christmas trees).”

- [] Nurseries must be inspected and licensed by the **Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health**. Information is also on-line at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/>
- [] If you will buy hardy plants from a nursery to resell, you need a **dealer’s license**. Contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health**. Information is also on-line at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/>
- [] If you will use a restricted pesticide or fertilizer, contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health**. Information is also on-line at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/>
- [] If you have questions or would like more detailed information, please contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture** at (614) 728-6270. Information is also on-line at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/>. **Remember to check local government agencies.**
- [] If you will sell plants, you need a **VENDOR’S LICENSE** from **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE** or the **Ohio Department of Taxation**. If you have questions about what sales are taxable, contact the **Ohio Department of Taxation** at (888) 405-4039 for **Business Tax Assistance**; (888) 405-4089 for **Tax Registration**; or (800) 282-1782 for the **Forms Request Line**. Information is also on-line at <http://www.tax.ohio.gov>. **Remember to check local government agencies.**
- [] Contact the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for **General Inquiries** or (800) 329-7518 for **Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention**. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us. **Remember to check local government agencies.**
- [] Ohio’s Plant Pest Law can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Sections 927.51 – 927.99**, and **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:5**. The **ORC** and **OAC** can be found in your local library, or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.