Nursery Program
Frequently Asked Questions

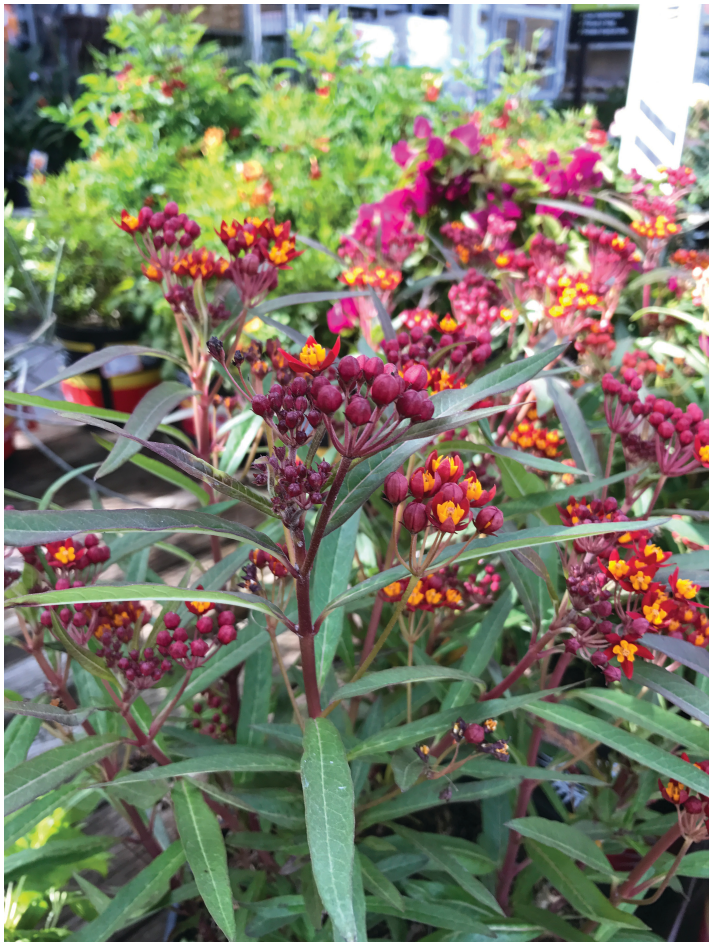
Who needs a nursery license?
Any person who produces, holds, distributes, collects or sells nursery stock needs a nursery license. This includes retail businesses, wholesale growers, landscape contractors, landscape maintenance businesses, brokers and peddlers.

Why do I need a nursery license?
The purpose of a nursery license is to allow the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to monitor, intercept and prevent the spread of pests and pathogens on nursery stock, ensuring viable, pest-free plant materials are available for sale to the public.

What is "nursery stock?"
"Nursery stock" refers to a plant for planting, propagation or ornamentation, including parts of plants, trees, shrubs, vines, vegetables, bulbs, stolons, tubers, corms, pips, rhizomes, scions, buds and grafts. Vegetable plants and other rooted plants sold at farmers markets are considered nursery stock.

What types of nursery licenses are available?
There are four types of nursery licenses:

- **Registered place of business:** This includes retail nurseries and stores, grocers, drug stores, wholesale and retail growers, greenhouse operations, landscape contractors, landscape maintenance companies, etc. A license is required for each business location.
- **Peddler:** These are businesses that solicit or sell nursery stock directly to the public and do not have a business located in Nevada. Wholesale growers with valid nursery licenses issued by another state department of agriculture, who only sell to businesses holding valid Nevada nursery stock dealer licenses, are exempt and do not have to obtain a Nevada nursery stock dealer license.
- **Broker:** These are businesses that act for others in negotiating for the purchase or sale of nursery stock and do not handle nursery stock or proceeds of the sale.
- **State or local government:** This includes entities such as a conservation district, the forestry division, school programs, etc.



How do I know if I am exempt from a nursery license?
You may be exempt from the requirement to obtain a nursery stock dealer's license if:

- You are a wholesale nursery licensed in another state, and you sell only to Nevada-licensed nursery stock dealers or the public by catalog.
- You sell only plants intended for indoor decorative purposes.
- You raise plants as a hobby, sell only occasionally and do not advertise or solicit sales.
- You grow and sell only vegetable plants intended for commercial agricultural production.
- You sell only bulbs.

Businesses with gross annual sales of less than $1,000 are exempt from the license fee but must still submit a license application. A fee waiver request is required for the exemption.

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How do I get a nursery license?
To apply for a new license, complete the application form available at **agri.nv.gov/nursery/**. License renewal forms are mailed to existing licensees in late April each year. Complete the form and return it with payment. Licenses expire June 30 and a $75 late fee will be assessed if returned after that date.

What fees are required to obtain a license?
License fees range from $175 to $250. In addition, a charge of $25 per acre for each acre of nursery stock in production up to a maximum of $250 will be added to the base license fee.

What if I sell nursery stock at more than one location?
Separate nursery licenses are required for each location in which nursery stock is sold simultaneously.

How can I change my license?
License type may be changed through the license renewal form sent in late April.

If there are changes in company ownership, name or address please contact Nick Bieser at **nbieser@agri.nv.gov** or 702-668-4569.

How can I do avoid having my license application or renewal delayed?
Sign the application and enclose the proper amount for payment as soon as the renewal application is received. Licenses cannot be issued for unsigned applications or partial payment. Renewals may take as long as 90 days to be processed.

I will be storing rooted plants that were purchased at a licensed nursery for my landscape company. Do I need a license for storing plants that will later be used for landscape projects?
If you purchased and are installing the plant material, you will need a nursery stock dealer license. If your client purchased the material, then you do not need to obtain a license.

Do I need a license to sell cut flowers?
No, you do not need a license unless you sell rooted plants.

What do I do if I receive heavily infested nursery stock?
Please contact Nick Bieser at **nbieser@agri.nv.gov** or 702-668-4569 as soon as possible.

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