

WEST VIRGINIA WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST QUARANTINE

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Statutory Authority: Chapter 19, Article 12, Section 6 of the West Virginia Code

Wild currants and gooseberries, (**Ribes** spp.) as well as certain of their horticultural varieties, found growing in West Virginia, are capable of harboring and disseminating **Cronartium ribicola**, commonly known as white pine blister rust, a destructive disease of white pine.

I. GROWING AND DISSEMINATION OF CURRANTS AND GOOSEBERRIES. Under authority of Chapter 19, Article 12, of the State Code of West Virginia, a quarantine is hereby established against white pine blister rust, prohibiting the dissemination, growing or other uses of all species of currants and gooseberries, including any plants, cuttings, viable seeds or parts of these plants capable of propagation, except as otherwise provided herein, in the following twenty-three (23) protected counties in the state of West Virginia, where white pine blister rust is a potential hazard.

Twenty-three (23) Protected Counties

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| 1. Barbour | 13. Nicholas |
| 2. Fayette | 14. Pendleton |
| 3. Grant | 15. Pocahontas |
| 4. Greenbrier | 16. Preston |
| 5. Hampshire | 17. Raleigh |
| 6. Hardy | 18. Randolph |
| 7. Harrison | 19. Summers |
| 8. Marion | 20. Taylor |
| 9. Mercer | 21. Tucker |
| 10. Mineral | 22. Upshur |
| 11. Monongalia | 23. Webster |
| 12. Monroe | |

II. EUROPEAN BLACK CURRANTS PROHIBITED. European black currant plants (**Ribes nigrum**) may not be moved to any destination in West Virginia.

III. CURRANT AND GOOSEBERRY PLANTS MAY BE DESTROYED IF GROWING IN LOCATION PROHIBITED BY THIS QUARANTINE. This quarantine shall operate to permit the commissioner to enter all premises whatsoever subject to the provisions of the Plant Pest Act, and to destroy living plants of all species of currants and gooseberries found growing thereon, whether or not infected with the white pine blister rust disease. In the case of cultivated species, other than European black currants, the destruction is limited to plants within one thousand five hundred feet (1,500') of white pine stands.