

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Consumer & Industry Services

Plant Certification

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT CERTIFICATION LICENSE

NURSERY/GROWER- Less than 600 Sq Ft		GREENHOUSE - Less than 600 Sq Ft	PLANT DEALER- Less than 101 Sq Ft
NURSERY/GROWER- 600 Sq Ft to 1 Acre		GREENHOUSE – 600 to 1,000 Sq Ft	PLANT DEALER- 101 to 4,000 Sq Ft
NURSERY/GROWER- More than 1 Acre to 25		GREENHOUSE – 1,001 Sq Ft to 25,000 Sq Ft	PLANT DEALER- 4,001 to 20,000 Sq Ft
NURSERY/GROWER- More than 25 Acres		GREENHOUSE – More than 25,000 Sq Ft	PLANT DEALER- 20,001 to 32,500 Sq Ft
LANDSCAPER	SWEET POTATO	WILD PLANT COLLECTION	PLANT DEALER- More than 32,500 Sq Ft
FLORIST		CERTIFIED TURFGRASS	NONPROFIT/EDUCATIONAL

Firm:			
Owner:		Contact Person:	
Owner Phone Number:		Date of Birth:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Email:	Phone:		Fax:

GROWING LOCATION (Physical Address Only, No Post Office Box)

Address:		Total Growing or Sales or Collecting Area	
		Sq Ft	
		Acres	
City:	State:	Zip:	County:

Types of Plants Grown/Sold:

Aquatic Plants	Ornamental Plants	Perennial Plants	Turfgrass/Sod
Conifer Plants	Fruit and Nut Plants	Seasonal Plants	Other:
Deciduous Plants	Ground Covers	Tropical Plants	

NAME/ADDRESS OF GROWERS AND FIRMS SUPPLYING PLANTS

(Do not list suppliers of pots, fertilizers, bark, etc.)

Name	Address	Telephone

Attach additional pages as necessary

Proof of one of the following for any applicant that is not an individual or a partner in a general partnership:

1. Applicant's registration in its state of incorporation
2. Applicant's registration with the Tennessee Department of Revenue; or,
3. Applicant's business license issued by a local governmental authority

I the undersigned hereby affirm that all plants sold or delivered by me will be obtained by growers or firms supplying plants who have been granted official certificates of inspection. I expect to secure plants from the above firms, and attest that I will keep records, invoices, certification, and compliance stamps of the actual sources from which all plants and nursery stock are obtained for a minimum of three years.

A Plant Certification Inspector will contact you to arrange a time for inspection. No NURSERY or GREENHOUSE certificates may be granted without a current inspection of the facilities.

Pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0080-06-01-.04, any person who grows or keeps plants for sale or distribution must obtain an appropriate license from the Department of Agriculture for each business location where the person grows, propagates, holds or offers to sell or distribute plants on a commercial basis. **All licenses will expire on June 30th of each year.** Fees for the licenses are determined according to the size of the area in which plants are grown or held for distribution, according to the following schedule:

LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANT CERTIFICATION

<u>Certificate Type Category</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Greenhouse	Less than 600 Sq ft	<u>\$150</u>
Greenhouse	600 to 1,000 Sq ft	<u>\$250</u>
Greenhouse	1,001 to 25,000 Sq ft	<u>\$300</u>
Greenhouse	More than 25,000 Sq ft	<u>\$400</u>
Nursery	Less than 600 Sq ft	<u>\$150</u>
Nursery	600 Sq ft to 1 acre	<u>\$250</u>
Nursery	More than 1 acre to 25 acres	<u>\$300</u>
Nursery	More than 25 acres	<u>\$400</u>
Plant Dealer	Less than 101 Sq ft	<u>\$50</u>
Plant Dealer	101 to 4,000 Sq ft	<u>\$250</u>
Plant Dealer	4,001 to 20,000 Sq ft	<u>\$300</u>
Plant Dealer	20,001 to 32,500 Sq ft	<u>\$400</u>
Plant Dealer	More than 32,500 Sq Ft	<u>\$500</u>
Florist	-	<u>\$50</u>
Landscaper	-	<u>\$250</u>
Wild Plant Collector	-	<u>\$200</u>
Sweet Potato	-	<u>\$200</u>
Certified Turfgrass	-	<u>\$200</u>

All licenses expire on June 30 following their issuance. License fee for renewal must be remitted to the Department by June 30th following expiration of the license. **Non-payment of the license fee by June 30th will result in an additional late charge of 50% of amount owed.**

Signature (Application not valid unless signed)

Date

Please mail completed application and signed check based on category, per business location, made out to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to the address listed below.

FOR INFO OR TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD: CALL (615) 837-5137

Please email applications to: plant.certification@tn.gov

Please send application to: Tennessee Department of Agriculture

P.O. Box 111359, Nashville, TN 37222-1359