

Walcot Organic Nursery Plant Biosecurity Policy



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o Understanding the threat from notifiable plant pests and diseases

Walcot Organic Nursery recognises that relevant notifiable pests and diseases could be a threat to plants on the nursery and/or plants in the wider environment.

These pests are most likely to enter the nursery through incoming plants and / or growing media but it is important that throughout the growing cycle the plants are monitored for their health and pests & diseases.

o Walcot Organic Nursery approach to plant health and biosecurity

The Nursery is part of the DEFRA Plant passporting scheme and is participating in the Plant Healthy Certification scheme.

o Site and Operations Pest Risk Analysis

The nursery is committed to maintaining an up to date Site and Operations Pest Risk Analysis (SOPRA) to identify the risks of introducing plants and growing media onto the nursery and steps taken to reduce these plant biosecurity risks. It identifies the risks to biosecurity on the nursery – staff, visitors, materials, surrounding environment and explains the steps taken to minimise these risks.

o Plant health legislation and best practice guidance

Walcot Organic Nursery receive APHA Plant passporting updates quarterly and have access to Defra's Pest and disease index to match the plants grown with pests applicable to them

o Staff training and plant biosecurity

Biosecurity involves all nursery staff. They are made aware of this policy and the Nurseries commitment to good plant health policies. They are to be encouraged to further their knowledge by being familiar with this folders contents and undertaking training with Plant Healthy modules

o Communicating this policy to staff

This biosecurity policy will be reviewed and altered as required annually. It is available to staff to view at anytime. They will be encouraged to read it to be aware of what is expected of them.

o Communicating this policy to external parties

This Biosecurity policy will be placed on the Nursery website. The Nursery will cooperate

with any external body that requests information on its biosecurity processes.

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