

Nursery Inspector Protocol:

What to do if you find Eastern or Canadian Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) at a Nursery

1. Inspect the hemlock branch undersides carefully for [hemlock woolly adelgid](#) and needle undersides for [elongate hemlock scale](#). Collect a 6" branch sample in a Ziploc bag if infestation is suspected, and fill out a PIB Lab sample form.
2. Note the presence and condition of hemlock on your inspection form (i.e., 30 containers of hemlock seedlings present, no pests or diseases found).
3. Provide the nursery owner or manager with the FID handout about [hemlock woolly adelgid](#), and ask them if they know that we have an exterior quarantine for that pest. Ask the nursery about the source of their hemlock (both county and state are needed if you can get it, if material is from outside Wisconsin), and note that on the inspection form.
4. If the hemlock is from a [regulated county or state](#) (*entire states of Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington; select counties of Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia or West Virginia*), ask them if you can see the phytosanitary certificate for that hemlock shipment, and for all hemlock shipments they have received from quarantined states or counties over the past year (they could also opt to email this info to you). Please let them know that a Compliance Agreement with the state of origin or a plant health certificate is not sufficient to meet our quarantine rule (ATCP 21.16). If they don't have phytos for individual shipments, write an [Activity Report](#) out, and ask them if they would be interested in setting up an annual Compliance Agreement with WDATCP. This would allow them to Import hemlock without needing a phyto for individual shipments, provided that we are notified about each shipment prior to arrival and that precautions are taken with that material to avoid HWA introduction. If they need a Compliance Agreement, please instruct them to contact our forest pest specialist Tim Allen at timothy.allen@wisconsin.gov or (715) 891-8158.