

Who is exempt from obtaining a Nursery Plant Seller/Installer license?

Garden clubs, charitable non-profit associations, educational organizations, and conservation districts - under certain conditions - are exempt from the licensing requirements but they are required to have a **plant sale permit**.

Plant sale permits will be issued for no more than three sales per year for not more than four consecutive days. Educational organizations have no limit to the number of sales they are allowed per year.

Persons who sell only cut plant material and persons making plant sales that **do not exceed \$100 annually** are exempted from licensing and permit requirements.

How do I get a plant sale permit?

Educational or non-profit groups may apply for a plant sale permit using our certification system called PISCES at <https://fortress.wa.gov/agr/pisces/PlantServices/Login/Login.aspx>.

The fee is \$20 per permit.

ADDITIONAL LICENSING INFORMATION

For additional information on obtaining a Nursery Plant Seller/Installer license, a master business license, or for the location of the licensing office nearest you:

- Visit DOR's website at dor.wa.gov or
- Call 360-705-6741.

**Apply Online:
dor.wa.gov**

For additional information on nursery licensing laws and rules, interstate shipment of plant materials, laws and regulations governing plant health, or to obtain a plant sale permit, call the Plant Services Program at (360) 902-1874 or email nursery@agr.wa.gov.



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Licensing Requirements for Sale or Installation of Plant Materials in Washington



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Who must obtain a Nursery Plant Seller/Installer license?

Any person or business that handles, sells, or installs horticultural plants is required to obtain a license (also known as an agriculture addendum) for **each business location where plants are held for sale or later installation**. This includes:

- Wholesale and retail nurseries, growers, and garden centers.
- Landscapers who grow or buy plants to hold, sell, or install.
- Maintenance companies that install plants.
- Brokers located in Washington who buy and sell.
- Grocery, big box stores, and other stores that offer plants for sale.
- Pet and aquarium stores that sell aquatic plants.

If you are unsure if your business needs a Nursery Plant Seller/Installer license, please contact us at (360) 902-1874.

Licenses must be renewed annually.



How is the license fee determined?

License fees are based on gross plant sales and whether a business sells retail or wholesale. Businesses that are both retailers and wholesalers are required to obtain a license for the class of highest gross sales. Fees below are per location, per year as of November 2023:

CLASS	ANNUAL GROSS SALES	COST
Retailer	\$100 - \$2,499	\$80.64
	\$2,500 - \$14,999	\$176.64
	\$15,000 and over	\$350.40
Wholesaler	\$100 - \$14,999	\$176.64
	\$15,000 and over	\$350.40

Where do I get the nursery license?

The Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) issues nursery licenses in conjunction with its Business Licensing Service. Apply online at dor.wa.gov or call DOR at 360-705-6741 for more information.

Where do I display my license?

A separate nursery license must be posted in a conspicuous place at each location where your business sells or holds plants.

What do the license and plant sale permit fees support?

License fees help support the fair and orderly trade of horticulture plants in Washington.

Inspections help protect the nursery and landscape industries and consumers by ensuring horticultural plants offered for sale are free of pests and diseases, are properly labeled, are not otherwise damaged or dying.

Plant Services inspectors also enforce agricultural quarantines to keep exotic pests out of our state. Inspection services also enable Washington nursery products to other states and countries.

Are there penalties for license/permit violations?

Yes, license/ permit violations are subject to a civil penalty up to \$1,000. Violations may also result in a license or permit being denied, suspended, or revoked.

