

Commercial Horticulture

Special Alert

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Damage From Freezing Rain and Snow

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On Monday this week, we had freezing rain which turned to rain and caused branches of many trees to bend to the ground in roadways, landscapes, and nurseries. We have received many emails and phone calls about white pines breaking off large branches with this ice/rain combo. Multibranched leyland cypress have suffered many broken limbs with this winter mix.



The groundhog in Pennsylvania was supposed to “not have seen” its shadow indicating winter’s demise, but it looks like we have plenty of winter weather impact on our landscape trees and more bad weather for next week.

Once warm weather finally shows up, we will start up the regular IPM Alerts in late March of 2019.

CONFERENCES

Maryland Christmas Tree Association Winter Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Friendly Farms

Restaurant (lower level), Upperco, MD

Contact info: MarylandCTA@outlook.com

Chesapeake Green Horticulture Symposium

February 20 - 21, 2019

Location: Maritime Institute, Linthicum Heights, MD

Manor View & The Perennial Farm Education Seminar

February 22, 2019

Location: Sheppard Pratt Conference Center, Towson

FALCAN Conference

March 15, 219 (rescheduled from January 18, 2019)

Location: Frederick Community College, Frederick,

MD

Maryland Department of Agriculture to Host Boxwood Blight Training

March 14, 2019

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The department's Plant Protection & Weed Management program will host a boxwood blight training seminar on March 14 at 10 a.m. at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, in Room 112. Boxwood blight, an exotic fungal disease, is a serious concern for Maryland's nursery industry. Occurrence of this disease has been increasing in the nursery trade and beyond.

The training will include a discussion on boxwood blight management, biology, exterior quarantines imposed by other states for boxwood plants leaving Maryland, new developments, and current issues facing the disease.

This free training is limited to 50 participants. If there are fewer than 15 attendees registered by March 5, the training may be cancelled. To register, please contact the department's Plant Protection & Weed Management program at ppwm.mda@maryland.gov or 410-841-5920.

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