

Myrtle Rust

Plant Transport Protocol

A big component in the effort in containing Myrtle Rust comes down to insuring plant movements do not spread the disease further. With growers and retailers, plant transporters, both dedicated commercial carriers and growers who transport their own plant stock, have a role to play in helping keep Myrtle Rust contained.

All who transport plant stock are urged to follow these simple steps as a matter of desirable biosecurity practice.

1 Myrtle Rust Declaration

That they sterilize their pallets, trolleys, frames and other shipping containers with Virkon S (or equivalent).

2 Disinfest gear daily

Disinfest truck deck and any equipment (trolleys, frames, pallet jacks ...) that has come in contact with plants with Virkon S (or equivalent).



Protocols and guidance for the procedures referred to in this document can be found on the NZPPI website: nzppi.org.nz/biosecurity

- Nursery Management Protocol
- Nursery Management Declaration
- Plant Inspection Protocol
- Fungicide Treatments List
- Plant Transport Protocol
- Plant Transport Declaration Myrtle
- Rust Identification Guide

If you find anything suspicious



Do not move the plants from the site or your truck.



Take photos of the suspected myrtle rust and the whole plant.



Do not attempt to touch or collect samples as this may increase the spread of this disease.



If possible, isolate the plants with a plastic cover.



Call MPI's exotic pests and diseases hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

*All references in this document to "Myrtaceous species" exclude feijoa, which MPI no longer considers as host material.

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