



Horticultural Competitions at the RHS



Plant Health Protocols at RHS Garden Rosemoor

RHS 2023

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Please read this in conjunction with the RHS Garden Events Plant Health Policy 2023.

Aim of this protocol:

- To prevent the inadvertent spread of **Phytophthora species** (and other pests and diseases) by visitors to RHS Garden Rosemoor.

Why we need this protocol?

- We are considered to be medium risk and our plant collection is regularly inspected by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
- Phytophthora species (including the notifiable pathogens *P. ramorum* and *P. kernoviae*), as well as many other pests and diseases, can be spread all too easily on footwear contaminated by infested soil or plant debris
- To prevent the possibility of cross contamination between our gardens and nurseries. **Rhododendrons and Camellias** are key hosts of *Phytophthora ramorum* so we need to take extra care
- Raising awareness about the threat posed by these pathogens, and the symptoms that they cause, should lead to increased vigilance and the monitoring of a greater area (e.g. private gardens) than would be possible by the Plant Health Authorities alone.

How do we achieve this?

- **Access to the Garden Room with your plants ONLY via the staff car park (follow the signs)**
- **Bag or box your plants where possible whilst walking through the garden**
- Come in a **change of clothes and footwear** from when you gathered your plant material if you are exhibiting
- All plants to be sold **need to be kept within the holding crèche** until the purchasers are ready to leave the garden (i.e. not to be carried around the garden during their visit). In lieu of a plant crèche we would ask that nurseries offer to hold purchased plants for the customer until the visitors are ready to leave the garden
- All plant material left behind at the end of the show, leave **within the Garden Room structure in bins provided** and we dispose of it our in-vessel composter.

Thank you for your co-operation with these protocols



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