

## *Boxwood Blight*

Boxwood blight, (*Cylindrocladium buxicola*), has lovers of this formal looking plant up in arms. Will my beautiful hedge suddenly lose all its leaves one week before my big summer party? That's the 64,000 dollar question. As of, February 24, 2012, the OAN's, (Oregon Association of Nurseries), stance is, "The disease has had limited impact in Oregon." Of the twenty nurseries inspected in Oregon, two had positive detections. Both nurseries are working closely with the Oregon Dept of Ag to eradicate the pathogen on their growing grounds.

Officials believe the fungus came over on infected plant material from Europe, where it is considered widespread. They're advising growers to keep an eye out for symptoms, and to avoid conditions that promote fungal growth.

In Oregon, there have been no detections of the fungus in commercial or home landscapes.

Education is the best defense. Below is a list of links that will help you learn more about this fungal disease new to the US and very new to Oregon.

It's our hope that this disease will not enter into the Oregon landscape.

If after reading the information below, you're concerned; we would be happy to provide a preventative spray program for you.

[Oregon State University Extension Plant Disease Control Guide](#)

[Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station](#)

[North Carolina State University report](#)