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# Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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## Nursery "Request for Information" issued

*Help shape the future of the Division's nursery program. Submit your ideas by May 9.*

The Division of Forestry is seeking ideas on how to best utilize state nurseries to meet the reforestation needs of public and private forestland owners in Wisconsin. The mission of the Division's [nursery program](#) is to ensure that Wisconsin landowners have access to high quality, native stock from local seed sources at economic prices for conservation purposes. In 2012, the program distributed nearly 5.9 million seedlings and shrubs to approximately 2,500 customers, a decrease of nearly 10 million seedlings from the number sold ten years ago. The [Request for Information](#) solicits technical information in response to a series of eight questions. The deadline for submitting input is May 9, 2013. Questions can be directed to Forestry Science Section Chief [Carmen Hardin](#) at 608-267-3139.

## New annosum guide effective May 1

*New guidelines for treating annosum root rot will apply to state lands starting May 1.*

A new guide for treating [annosum root rot](#), developed by a group of DNR staff and numerous partners from throughout the forestry community, will apply on state lands. Beginning May 1, 2013, the annosum root rot guide will apply to any state land timber sales that are released for bid. The guide establishes when fungicide treatment is required for annosum root rot, unless written justification is provided for deviating from the guide. It is for use on state lands; use on other lands is at the discretion of the landowner.

The guide requires treatment if **all** of the following conditions are met:

- The stand is within 25 miles from a known stand of annosum root rot.
- The stand is more than 50% pines (for intermediate thinning) or the future desired stand is more than 50% pine (for final rotation harvest if the site will not be mechanically site prepped within one year of harvest).
- The stand will be thinned/harvested between April 1 and November 30.

This risk-based guide is designed to help landowners/property managers determine whether the fungicide treatment should be considered to reduce the risk of the introduction of annosum root rot. The guide can also be used by foresters and loggers to help communicate with landowners/property managers about the fungicide treatment option.

An [interactive guide](#) that includes locations that will be within the 25-mile buffers is also available online. For more information, contact [Kyoko Scanlon](#), 608-275-3275.

## Forestry offers two online chats in April

*Forestry specialists will answer questions online:  
April 17 - Fire Prevention  
April 24 - Tree Planting*

The Division of Forestry will host two online chats in April. The first will be April 17 on the topic of wildfire prevention. The second will be April 24 about how and when to plant trees, how to manage trees on your property and Arbor Day. The chats begin at 12 noon on the consecutive Wednesdays. Staff specialists will be available at that time to answer your questions about the designated topics. To participate, visit the [“Ask the Experts” page](#) or go to the [DNR home page](#) and search the phrase *“Ask the Experts.”*

## Education and outreach planning update

*A new education and outreach strategic plan for the Division will be completed later this year.*

The Division is developing an education and outreach strategic plan. As the first step in the planning process, an assessment of the division’s education and outreach efforts was completed and the [report is now available](#) to review. The assessment report summarizes data that was gathered through partner feedback and staff interviews. Data and analysis from the assessment phase is now informing the work of the Planning Team.

A Planning Team has been tasked with answering the question, “How can education and outreach help us implement our Strategic Direction?” They are also charged with finding ways to conduct education and outreach that allow for more collaboration, integration, effectiveness and efficiency among Division programs and partners. The Team is drafting strategies this month. In May, we intend to get feedback from partners and staff on our draft strategies.

## Get a permit before you burn

*Getting a burning permit is quick and easy. You can do it online, over the phone or from one of 484 places of business in Wisconsin.*

A new [page on the DNR Website](#) lists all businesses (by county) that offer burning permits. These 484 places of business in the online directory will issue handwritten burning permits at no cost to individuals wishing to burn legal materials in DNR protection areas. Burning permits can also be obtained over the phone by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or emailed instantly by applying for an [online burning permit](#). Then, on the day of the burn, simply call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or [check online for the daily burning restrictions](#).

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