Federal Domestic Soil Quarantines
For Movement of Soil within the Continental U.S.

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Purpose

This map is to assist laboratories receiving domestic origin soil samples for chemical/physical analysis from areas where soil is regulated by USDA. Contact USDA APHIS PPQ for all other movements or purposes.

Regulated Pests

Green, Yellow, and Orange areas of this map are regulated by USDA to prevent the spread of:

- various Fruit Flies
- Giant African Snail
- Golden Nematode
- Imported Fire Ant
- Pale Cyst Nematode
- Phytophthora ramorum
- Witchweed

(Click on the pest name to learn more about it and find detailed quarantine maps)

Authorized Movements

Soil samples from Green and Yellow areas may be moved into or through the White areas to a USDA approved facility under a USDA soil compliance agreement.

Movement of soil from locations within the Orange areas may require a Limited Permit (PPQ 530) or Certificate (PPQ 540). Contact USDA APHIS PPQ for further guidance.

Most of CA, FL, and the border region of TX is suitable habitat for exotic Fruit Flies. Counties crosshatched in red have experienced outbreaks in the past. In areas susceptible to Fruit Fly infestation, quarantines can arise quickly and change often.

Click here for the most up-to-date version of this map.

Additional Restrictions

Movement of soil for isolation or culturing of organisms requires a Plant Pest Permit (PPQ 526).

Importation of soil from outside the continental U.S. requires a USDA import permit (PPQ 530).

Individual states may have additional restrictions on the movement of soil. Consult with destination states prior to movement.

Contact

Contact USDA APHIS PPQ for questions about quarantine status, soil regulations, or movement eligibility.

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