

## Section 24-49.9 Prohibited plant species of the of Code of Miami-Dade County

- (1) With exception of *Ficus benjamina*, the list of exotic pest plant species that may not be sold, propagated or planted anywhere in Miami-Dade County pursuant to Policy 8I of the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Development master Plan for Miami-Dade County, Florida, as may be amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated by reference. If present on a development site, they shall be removed prior to development, and their sale, propagation, planting, importation or transportation shall be prohibited.
- (2) Definitions for Section 24-49.9(1), Sections 24-49-.9(3)(a), 3(b), and 3(c):
  - (a) *Importation* shall mean the conveyance by any means of plants into Miami-Dade County.
  - (b) *Planting* shall mean the placing on or setting into the ground of live plant material.
  - (c) *Propagation* shall mean the physical act of causing plants to multiply by any process of reproduction from plant stock.
  - (d) *Sale* shall mean the act of transferring or conveying plants to a purchaser for consideration.
  - (e) *Transportation* shall mean the act of carrying or conveying plants from one (1) place to another for the purpose of sale, planting, importation or propagation.
- (3) Variances.
  - (a) A variance by the Director from the transportation, propagation and planting prohibitions of this section may be requested, subject to the conditions justifying variance approval outlined below in Section 24-49.9(3)(b)(i) and (ii). Said variance request shall be made in writing to the Director and shall include the following information:
    - (i) Name and address of the person or persons requesting the variance.
    - (ii) Location of the property for which the variance is requested.
    - (iii) A sketch or drawing indicating the location within the subject property where the planting or field propagation of the otherwise prohibited plant species will occur. (Container propagation shall be exempt from said sketch or drawing requirements.)
    - (iv) The reason or reasons for requesting the variance.
  - (b) The Director may, in the Director's discretion, issue a variance from the provisions of this section based upon the following factors:
    - (i) Proximity of the subject planting or propagation to any environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., wetlands, hammocks, pinelands, dunes).
    - (ii) Lack of appropriate alternative plant species to fulfill the same purpose or purposes for planting.
  - (c) The Director shall issue or deny a variance request within thirty (30) days of receipt of the variance request, provided the required information described in Section 24-49.9(3)(a)(i) through (iv) above has been submitted.

# Policy 81 of the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan for Miami-Dade County

The following exotic pest plants and nuisance species, shall not be sold, propagated, or planted within Miami-Dade County. If existing on a development site, they shall be removed prior to development or redevelopment.

<b>Species - Latin Name</b>	<b>Species Common Name</b>
Abrus precatorius	Rosary pea
Acacia auriculiformis	Earleaf acacia
Adenanthera pavonina	Red beadtrees, red sandalwood, coralwood, redwood, circassian bean tree, peacock flowerfence, coral pea, Barbados pride
Albizia lebbek	Woman's tongue, lebbek tree, siris tree
Antigonon leptopus	Coral vine, queen's jewels
Ardisia elliptica	Shoebutt, shoebutt ardisia
Bischofia javanica	Javanese bishopwood, bishopwood, bischofia, toog
Casuarina spp.	Australian pine, sheoak, beefwood
Cestrum diurnum	Dayflowering jessamine, day blooming jasmine, day jessamine
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphortree, camphor tree
Colubrina asiatica	Asian nakedwood, leatherleaf, latherleaf
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Carrotwood
Dalbergia sissoo	Indian Rosewood, sissoo
Dioscorea alata	White yam, winged yam
Dioscorea bulbifera	Air potato, bitter yam, potato vine
Eichhornia crassipes	Common water-hyacinth, water-hyacinth
Ficus altissima	Council tree, lofty fig, banyan tree, false banyan
Ficus benghalensis	Banyan tree, banyan fig, Indian banyan, East Indian fig tree, bengal fig
Ficus microcarpa <sup>1</sup>	Indian laurel, laurel fig, Malay banyan, Chinese banyan, glossy leaf banyan
Flacourtia indica	Governor's plum, Madagascar plum, batoko plum, ramonchi
Hydrilla verticillata	Waterthyme, hydrilla

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<sup>1</sup> Ficus microcarpa may be propagated for export outside of the State of Florida

**Species - Latin Name**

Hygrophila polysperma  
Hymenachne amplexicaulis  
Imperata cylindrica  
Ipomea aquatica  
Jasminum dichotomum  
Jasminum fluminense  
Leucaena leucocephala  
Ludwigia peruviana  
Lygodium spp. except L. palmatum  
  
Macfadyena unguis-cati  
Melaleuca quinquenervia  
  
Melia azedarach  
Merremia tuberosa  
  
Mimosa pigra  
Neyraudia reynaudiana  
Paederia spp.  
Panicum repens  
Pennisetum purpureum  
Pistia stratiotes  
Pueraria montana var. lobata  
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa  
Rhynchelytrum repens  
Ricinus communis  
  
Sapium sebiferum  
Scaevola taccada  
Schefflera actinophylla

**Species Common Name**

Indian swampweed, green hygro  
Trompetilla, West Indian marsh grass  
Cogongrass  
Water-spinach  
Gold Coast jasmine  
Brazilian jasmine, jazmin de trapo  
White leadtree, lead tree, jumbie bean, tan-tan  
Peruvian primrosewillow  
Climbing fern, e.g. Old World climbing fern,  
Japanese climbing fern  
  
Catclawvine  
Punk tree, melaleuca, cajeput, paperbark tree,  
tea tree, swamp tea tree  
  
Chinaberrytree, Chinaberry  
Spanish arborvine, yellow morning-glory,  
woodrose, Hawaiian woodrose, ceylon morning  
glory, Spanish wood vine  
Black mimosa, Catclaw mimosa  
Burmareed, silkreed  
Sewervine, skunkvine, onion vine  
Torpedograss  
Elephantgrass, Napiergrass  
Water lettuce  
Kudzu  
Rose myrtle, Downy rose-myrtle  
Rose natalgrass, Natal grass  
Castrobean, castor oil plant, palma christi,  
wonder tr  
Popcorn tree, Chinese tallowtree  
Beach naupaka, scaevola, half-flower  
Australian umbrella tree, octopus tree,  
Queensland umbrella tree, umbrella tree,  
rubber tree, starleaf

**Species - Latin Name**

Schinus terebinthifolius

Senna pendula var. glabrata

Solanum tampicense

Solanum viarum

Talipariti tiliaceum

Tectaria incisa

Thespesia populnea

**Species Common Name**

Brazilian pepper, Christmas berry tree,  
Florida holly

Valamuerto, Climbing cassia, Christmas cassia,  
Christmas senna

Aquatic soda apple, wetland nightshade

Tropical soda apple

Mahoe, sea hibiscus, yellow mahoe

Incised halberd fern

Portia tree, seaside mahoe, cork tree, false  
rosewood