

Nursery Propagation Practicum

Instructions to Contestants

This is the Nursery Propagation Practicum. Please confirm your Team number, contestant number (1-4) name/state with the judge at your workstation.

This practicum evaluates your skill and productivity in propagating nursery stock. You will have 7 minutes to prepare one label, and then prepare and treat with hormone 5 cuttings of ***Buxus "NewGen Freedom"*** in the provided container. The proper name of this plant is on the wall in front of you.

Proper PPE (long sleeved shirts/respirator/eye protection/gloves) is required when using some rooting hormones, but just is not feasible in this testing environment. The material used for the testing is safe, so we are waiving the PPE requirements for this practicum.

You will not need to water the plants. You may use your personal tools if you brought them.

If you are still working when I announce, "Stop," lay the plant material you are working on across the top of your container. Do not continue planting it. Additional information will be given then.

Are there any questions? Please be careful. As you work fast, do not injure yourself. We do not want anyone hurt, and safety is one of the scoring categories.

Is everyone ready? Begin selecting your materials and preparing your label.

Time for 7 minutes.

Stop. Lay any remaining stock across your last container, be sure you have your label inserted, and then pass the containers across to your judge. Be sure to collect your papers and tools as you leave.

Send teams with Group Leader to the next event.