

# Biosecurity

With the increasing awareness of tree diseases arising from recent outbreaks of Red Band Needle Blight on pines, Ramorum disease of Larch (Phytophthora) and Acute Oak Decline, the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Natural Resources Wales) upholds the Forestry Commission's guidelines on biosecurity strategy and will in due course issue guidelines for those working in woodlands to help reduce the inadvertent spread of these and other diseases.

At this time, we would ask anyone inspecting any parcel offered for sale by the Natural Resources Wales to observe a few key conventions that will assist in this.

1. Please keep vehicles on metalled roads at all times (or avoid driving into the woodland at all if possible). Ensure that any deposits of mud around wheels or bodywork are knocked or brushed off before leaving any woodland.
2. Please make sure your footwear is brushed clean of soil, mud and debris before getting back into a vehicle or leaving the woodland.
3. If specific biosecurity measures are required for any parcel we will make this clear when the parcel is offered for sale. Please abide by these measures and contact us before visiting the parcel.
4. Please let us know if you observe any potential symptoms of disease whilst visiting our woodlands.
5. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/phytophthora-pluvialis>
6. For enquiries please contact: [treehealth@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:treehealth@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

## Species affected by Phytophthora pluvialis include:

Western hemlock. Douglas fir. Tanoak, and pine species (Pinus radiata, Pinus patula and Pinus strobus)

Phytophthora pluvialis has now been found at 17 sites across Wales. These include Gwynedd, Carmarthenshire, Powys, Newport, Monmouthshire, Denbighshire, Conwy and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

See the latest press release on Phytophthora pluvialis in Wales.