

# HOSTA DONATION GUIDELINES

Please reference the current **PLANTS WANTED LIST** for information about what types of HOSTA we need donated!!!!

Tollgate has a duty to its customers to make sure we are selling healthy plants. Due to the hosta virus x, we need to be vigilant in making sure our donations are free of this virus. In order to accomplish this in a cost effective manner, please adhere to the following guidelines on what hosta donations will be acceptable to Tollgate. In addition, the Nursery Team will follow the following process to ensure our donations remain free of this virus.

**ANY PLANTS THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER THESE DONATION GUIDELINES WILL BE DISCARDED.**

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**LARGE HOSTA CLUMPS ONLY** – Tollgate needs to spend money in order to test each Hosta plant, therefore, we will only be accepting donations that are big enough to be tested once but divided into multiple plants that can be sold. In order to avoid cross-contamination, please wash off the soil and disinfect your shovel using a 10% bleach solution before and after digging each hosta donation. Be sure that your hosta donation is **1 FOOT OR LARGER IN DIAMETER FOR ALL HOSTAS EXCEPT MINIATURES. PLEASE MAKE MINIATURE HOSTA DONATIONS AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE.**

**NO DIVIDING** – The donation must still be in the large hosta clump indicated above. In order to ensure that each plant is tested, we cannot accept donations that are already divided. We appreciate that it is easier to move and/or pot up smaller hostas but we need to ensure that we are testing all plants. We will be providing larger containers for temporary planting/storage to put your donations in.

## NURSERY TEAM PROCESS

**TESTING** – Each donation clump will be tested by a member of the Nursery Team. Following testing, the hosta will be divided as indicated below. Each plant label will have “*Negative for Hosta Virus X*” on the plant tag.

**DIVIDING** – Garden tools will be cleaned *before and after* each division of the donated hosta clump using the disinfectants located in the nursery tool shed.

**INFECTED HOSTAS** – If an infected hosta is found, it will be disposed of using the trash receptacles – not the compost pile. All hostas that were touching or donated with the infected hosta will be disposed of. The container holding the hosta will either be disposed of or cleaned with a 10% bleach solution.