



Myrtle Rust in NZ

NICHOL'S CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Myrtle rust is a serious fungal disease that affects plants in the myrtle family. Plants in this family include pōhutukawa, mānuka, rātā, kānuka, swamp maire and ramarama, as well as commercially-grown species such as eucalyptus, feijoa and guava.

The first detection of the disease in mainland New Zealand was at a Northland nursery in early May 2017.

Nichol's management take the recent discovery of Myrtle Rust in the North Island very seriously. While it has not been discovered in this region, we are taking the below steps to ensure we don't contribute to the outbreak any further:

- No orders of plant varieties from the Mytaceae family will be placed until further notice
- Frequent checks will be made to all stock for signs of Myrtle Rust
- A robust weekly spray programme is in place – you may notice blue residue on plant foliage, please note this is not harmful

Nichol's fully complies with recommendations made by NZPPI and NZMPI.

**For further information please talk to a member of the team
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