



Monthly

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News

- Boxwood blight pressure continues to uptick in the Mid-Atlantic states since the beginning of hurricane season.
- The Virginia Tech Team is working with Rainbow Ecoscience and evaluating the potential of fungicide drench for boxwood blight control under landscape settings.

Research Publication

- Kong, P., and Hong, C. 2024. Evaluation of 1021Bp, a close relative of *Pseudomonas eucalypticola*, for potential of plant growth promotion, fungal pathogen suppression and boxwood blight control. BMC Microbiology. Open access at <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12866-024-03497-w>.

Extension Program & Presentation

- Snover-Clift, K., Daughtery, M., Luster, D., Hong, C., Hall, C., Weiland, J., Baysal-Gurel, F., Gouker, F., Kong, P., Crouch, J., LaMondia, J., Pscheidt, J., Santamaria, L., Shishkoff, N., Ohkura, M., and Yang, X. 2024. BBIG - A team battling boxwood blight to ensure this iconic woody ornamental lives on. NPDN national meeting. Portland, ME. September 12.

Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to kls13@cornell.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

