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## News

- Fungicide drench protected boxwood crops from the blight for up to 7 months at two garden trials in Richmond, VA, as assessed on October 17, and this lasting protection was supported by a related study – detecting and quantifying the fungicide chemistry in treated boxwood foliage at Oregon State University.
- First Pennsylvania sighting of invasive [Box Tree Moth](#) spotted in Erie County.

## Extension Program & Presentation

- Ghimire, B., Pandya, B., Patras, A., Baysal-Gurel, F. 2024, Evaluating UV-C sensitivity of *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* using light-emitting-diode system. 23rd Ornamental Workshop on Insects and Diseases, Raleigh, NC, October 22 to 24.
- Hong, C. X. 2024. An award-winning program – Boxwood Blight Insight Group. New Virginia Cooperative Extension Agents Onboarding Tour at Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Beach, VA, October 29.
- Shishkoff, N. 2024, Difference in boxwood blight symptom expression in different boxwood cultivars. 23rd Ornamental Workshop on Insects and Diseases, Raleigh, NC, October 22 to 24.
- Shishkoff, N. 2024, Symptoms of boxwood blight from 24-96 hr on different boxwood cultivars. 23rd Ornamental Workshop on Insects and Diseases, Raleigh, NC, October 22 to 24.

## 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](mailto:boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu) or [chhong2@vt.edu](mailto:chhong2@vt.edu).

## Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to [kls13@cornell.edu](mailto:kls13@cornell.edu).

*Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.*

