

RESPONSE FRAMEWORK TEMPLATE

SAMPLE RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR INSECT & PATHOGEN PESTS

Response Framework Component	Sample information
Confirmation	<p>If a reported pest is collected and results in a positive identification of a regulated pest or pest with unknown regulated status, the specimen will then be forwarded to Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) for confirmation and then sent to USDAAPHISPPQ National Identification Services for verification.</p> <p>Note: for pathogen pests this will require extensive sampling of suspect trees as well as known and presumed hosts.</p>
Identification of a Lead Action Entity	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 1, 3 & 5</i></p> <p>For regulated pests, WSDA will serve as the lead coordinating organization with response activities led by WSDA in unified command with USDAAPHISPPQ. Upon activation of the State Plant Health Response Plan, WSDA, the coordinating agency, will notify all primary and support agencies needed for support.</p> <p>For pests that are not actionable at the federal level, work with local and state partners such as WSDA, DNR and WISC, to determine appropriate lead entity.</p>
Building a Team/Task Force	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 12 and 18</i></p> <p>Lead action entity will assemble an initial response team. Established points of contact are critical to this step. Participation will expand as the response evolves. Response team will play a crucial role in the development of stated project teams, providing contact information, and local expertise as relevant.</p> <p>Potential participants could include but are not limited to: State Agency Leads, city leads, neighboring municipalities, Washington Invasive Species Council and stakeholder including American Public Gardens, conservation districts, county commissioner, extension agents and PNW Society of Arboriculture.</p>

<p>Communication</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook action 10</i></p> <p>Initial notification will be made by USDA APHISPPQ and WSDA to the task force members only upon verification of pest by USDA APHISPPQ. Further formal notifications and announcements will be made jointly by USDA APHISPPQ and WSDA. Refer public information officer and communications staff to State Plant Regulatory Office or Joint Information Command Officer (JIC) for key messages and official press release(s).</p>
<p>Delineation of Geographic Scope/Extent of the Incident</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 3, 6 & 16</i></p> <p>Support state responders in delineating scope of incident, including extensive sampling of suspect trees and known/presumed hosts by furnishing data, including but not limited to pest risk analysis, assessment and tree inventory/canopy map data.</p>
<p>Establishing a Management Review Panel</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 2 & 12</i></p> <p>Lead action entity or Response Team will establish a review panel(s) as necessary. Panel(s) may be asked to provide scientific or policy support, review response logistics such as identifying a waste management lead for the area, work with stakeholder groups to determine pest prevention tree policies as determined by the pest response needs.</p>
<p>Convening/Engaging Urban Forest Pest Partners</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 9 & 11</i></p> <p>Engage partners and landowners in assessing impacts and potential challenges with responses considering environmental and socioeconomic factors. Example groups could include neighborhood associations, local conservation groups, business associations, and community alliances.</p>
<p>Response Determination</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook actions 6, 7, & 18</i></p> <p>Lead action entity will determine the level of response and any elements of the Incident Command System to be incorporated and scaled according to the situation.</p> <p>Examples of the organizations that would support a local response function include Department of Transportation, Office of the Attorney General, and the Emergency Management Division.</p>

<p>Emergency Declaration</p>	<p><i>Informed by playbook action 11</i></p> <p>Lead action entity works with mayor or governor’s offices as necessary to make emergency declarations potentially making additional resources and materials available for a response. The governor’s office and federal entities’ may choose not to declare pest emergency based on their evaluation of the situation.</p> <p>Working through action 11 and conferring with your task force prior and management review panel should help you prepare the case you make to key decision makers.</p>
<p>Activation of Initial Response</p>	<p><i>As informed by playbook actions 8 & 15</i></p> <p>Lead action entity coordinates team to identify timeline and prepare response plan.</p> <p>Response plan should consider permitting requirements, quarantine needs, and conservation goals.</p>
<p>Disposal and Mitigation of Spread</p>	<p><i>As informed by playbook actions 1 & 17</i></p> <p>Evaluate impact to homeowners in the treatment area and identify incentives to encourage proper disposal and tree replacement.</p> <p>Identify potential large areas or “marshalling facilities” to serve as dump sites for quarantined wood waste. These may include parking lots, athletic fields or other open areas.</p>
<p>Recovery</p>	<p><i>As informed by playbook action 19</i></p> <p>Work with stakeholders to plan re-vegetation of areas impacted by response efforts. Use this opportunity to prioritize native species and choose trees that will increase biodiversity and pest resistance.</p>