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## On the cover:

Symptoms of boxwood blight are evident on this plant. But good management practices, with an emphasis on sanitation, can save your inventory.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Ivors

## Beating Boxwood Blight

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Good management practices can help prevent this disease from infecting your stock and spreading further in the industry. Sanitation is key!

By Kelly Ivors

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By Sally Benson

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By Amy Fulcher, et al.

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By Nancy Buley and Sally Benson

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## T Rex begonias

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For more information:  
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