

Jumping Worms and Garden Club Plant Sales

In the UMass item on Jumping worms, you will find there the following guidance on plant sales:

"How can gardeners safely share plants with friends or provide plants for garden club or community plant sales?"

One way to address the risk of spreading jumping worms with plant material is to share bare root plants. Clean soil from plants in a basin of water and inspect the roots to ensure no soil remains. Afterwards, strain the wash water and discard any solids larger than a mustard seed in a trash bag. Seal the bag and place it in the sun before disposing. This can also be done by consumers after purchasing potted plants.