

Working Together to Save Your Community's Citrus



Agriculture officials are working to protect your community's citrus trees from the devastating impact of Huanglongbing, a fatal plant disease found in California. There is no cure for the disease, and infected citrus trees will produce bitter, hard fruit and eventually die. Agriculture crews work throughout the state and may come to your community if Huanglongbing or the Asian citrus psyllid, an insect that spreads the disease, are found nearby. These crews will:

- Have a badge or patch indicating affiliation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Never ask to access the inside of your home
- Never ask for payment for their services
- Respect your personal property and only focus on your citrus trees

Learn what to expect if they're working in your area. 



CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org

How Agriculture Officials Protect Your Citrus Trees

Traps – Yellow, sticky traps help agriculture officials track the presence of pests like the Asian citrus psyllid. They may ask to hang one in your citrus tree.

Treatments – Treatments are the most effective way to protect citrus trees against the Asian citrus psyllid, thereby also protecting trees from Huanglongbing. You will be notified in advance, and your citrus tree will be treated with care by hand. Call **800-491-1899** with specific questions.

Inspections – The Asian citrus psyllid and Huanglongbing are hard to detect, so allowing trained agricultural specialists to inspect your citrus tree ensures the best care.

Sampling – They may collect leaf samples from your tree if it shows symptoms of Huanglongbing. Those samples are tested in a lab.

Tree Removal – Trees found to be positive for HLB must be removed to prevent the disease from spreading. This tree removal is done at no cost to the tree owner.

Quarantines – Local and state agriculture officials work together to identify the need for quarantines limiting the movement of citrus plants. Visit [CDFA.ca.gov/plants/acp](https://cdfa.ca.gov/plants/acp) for quarantine information.