

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE



**OFFICIAL NOTICE
PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY**

A quarantine to prevent the spread of Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) has been established in your area and remains in effect. The rapid breeding cycle of the OFF and the female's ability to lay more than 1,000 eggs in her lifetime mean that an infestation can quickly grow to cause severe economic losses and make fruits and vegetables unfit to eat.

Your cooperation is needed to help prevent the spread of an Oriental fruit fly infestation!

To prevent the spread of fruit flies through homegrown fruits and vegetables, residents and people moving through fruit fly eradication areas are urged not to move any fruits or vegetables from their property. Fruits and vegetables may be eaten or processed (i.e. juiced, frozen, cooked, or ground in the garbage disposal) at the property where they are picked.

What you can do to help:

1. Do not bring or mail fresh fruit, vegetables, plants or soil into California unless agricultural inspectors have cleared the shipment beforehand, as fruit flies and other pests can hide in a variety of produce;
2. Never remove fresh produce from your property when your area is under an Oriental fruit fly quarantine;
3. Double-bag green waste such as garden fruits and vegetables. Place the double-bagged green waste in the trash.
4. It is important to cooperate with any quarantine restrictions or rules that might be imposed because of an Oriental fruit fly find in your area, and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property to inspect fruit and Oriental fruit fly traps for signs of an infestation.

Thank you for helping to protect California from this invasive species – we need your help and cooperation. We understand the inconvenience and appreciate your willingness to help protect San Joaquin County from this destructive pest. Together we will protect California! For further information, please contact us at 1-800-491-1899 or visit www.cdffa.ca.gov/go/off or www.hungrypests.com.