

No more California citrus?

That's what is at stake if the disease-carrying Asian citrus psyllid gets a foothold.

It must be stopped – before it's too late.

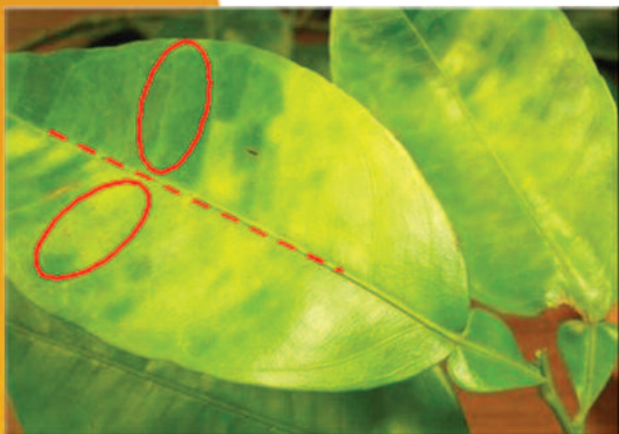


The Dangerous Pest: Asian Citrus Psyllid

- A small insect, about the size of an aphid.
- Feeds on citrus leaves and stems.
- Is a carrier of the deadly bacterial plant disease, Huanglongbing (HLB) also known as citrus greening disease.
- This insect has already been found at several sites in California.
- It threatens our locally produced citrus and Californians' ability to grow citrus in their backyards.

The Disease: Huanglongbing (HLB)

- Destroys production, appearance and value of citrus trees.
- Causes asymmetrical yellowing and blotching of leaves.
- Produces bitter, inedible, misshapen fruit.
- Is fatal to citrus trees.



The Solution: We All Play a Critical Role

- It can take years for symptoms of the disease to appear, meaning inspection for and elimination of the psyllid is our first line of defense.
- HLB is also spread through grafting with infected budwood. Be sure to plant only certified disease-free citrus trees from a reputable nursery and do not bring any plant material into California from other states or countries.
- Inspect trees monthly and whenever watering, spraying, pruning or tending trees.
- If you find the Asian citrus psyllid, act fast! Call your County Agricultural Commissioner or the CDFA hotline at **800.491.1899**. Time is critical.



To learn about the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB disease, visit

CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org

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