



# INDUSTRY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

We all must work together in the fight to save California citrus from the Asian citrus psyllid and the fatal plant disease it can carry called Huanglongbing. The best way to stop the disease from spreading is to stop the Asian citrus psyllid.

## PACKINGHOUSES SHOULD:

- ▶ Remain in compliance with all CDFA, county and federal regulations, including following quarantines and safeguarding all loads.
- ▶ Employ trusted farm labor contractors, transporters and others who also adhere to regulations.
- ▶ Require farm contractors to follow best management practices for controlling the spread of the Asian citrus psyllid.
- ▶ Check deliveries to make sure no leaves or stems have been brought to the packinghouse.
- ▶ Ensure bins leaving packinghouses are free of leaves and stems.
- ▶ Regularly host or sponsor "tailgate trainings" to educate farm labor contractors, crew bosses and harvesters on the Asian citrus psyllid and best management practices.
- ▶ Distribute posters, fliers, paycheck inserts or other materials to packinghouse workers.
- ▶ Reach out to grower members by including pest and disease information in company newsletters, websites, etc.

## GROWERS SHOULD:

- ▶ Remain in compliance with all CDFA, county and federal regulations, including quarantines.
- ▶ Employ trusted farm labor contractors, transporters and others who also adhere to regulations.
- ▶ Inspect your trees regularly for the pest and disease using tap sampling and visual searches whenever there is new flush on the trees. If you think you have the pest or disease, contact your local agricultural commissioner or CDFA at 800-491-1899.
- ▶ Talk to your pest control adviser and ensure he or she is on the lookout for the psyllid and signs of HLB.
- ▶ Cooperate with area-wide Asian citrus psyllid treatment programs.
- ▶ Get to know your regional liaisons. Industry liaisons have been identified by CDFA to keep growers and industry members informed, and to help growers coordinate treatments using accepted protocols.
- ▶ Attend ACP and HLB informational meetings as available.

Stay up-to-date on Asian citrus psyllid and HLB developments by visiting [CitrusInsider.org](https://CitrusInsider.org) and signing up for the Citrus Alert e-newsletter.



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Protect against Huanglongbing by following best management practices when out in the field. That means taking great care to not transfer citrus leaves, stems and branches between groves, as they could be carrying Asian citrus psyllids.

## FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS SHOULD:

- ▶ Require that all leaves, stems and branches be removed from equipment every time a crew moves from a harvest site. This means inspecting and brushing off all equipment, including underneath the equipment. Equipment includes but is not limited to:
  - Bins
  - Flatbeds
  - Shade Equipment
  - Portable Restrooms
  - Pruning Equipment
  - Ladders
  - Trailers
  - Skirters
  - Tractors
  - Sprayers
  - Tree Toppers
  - Forklifts
  - Hedgers
  - Shredders
- ▶ Require all harvesters to fully open their picking bags, dump and shake them out, and remove any stems, leaves or other debris before leaving the harvesting site.
- ▶ Require all harvesters, pruners and other field crews to inspect their clothes, personal items (hats, gloves, sleeves, etc.) and vehicles for plant material and brush them off before leaving a citrus grove.
- ▶ Regularly host "tailgate trainings" with all crew bosses and farm labor crews to remind them of the importance of not transporting plant material between sites or off the property.
- ▶ Display signage at harvesting sites communicating the importance of best practices in managing the Asian citrus psyllid. Visit [CitrusInsider.org/resources/informational-materials](https://CitrusInsider.org/resources/informational-materials) to order free signage and other materials.
- ▶ Report any suspected findings of the pest or disease to CDFA at [800-491-1899](tel:800-491-1899).
- ▶ Remain in compliance with all state, county and federal regulations, including quarantines.

For treatment information: [UCANR.edu/ACP](https://UCANR.edu/ACP) and [IPM.UCANR.edu](https://IPM.UCANR.edu)

For quarantine information: [CDFA.ca.gov/plant/ACP](https://CDFA.ca.gov/plant/ACP)