

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
FRESNO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INSECTICIDE TREATMENT

An infestation of the **Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS)**, a serious insect pest of grapes, has been found in your neighborhood. In order to control this pest, it is necessary to apply the insecticide Merit® and/or CoreTect™ to the host plants on your property. Merit® and CoreTect™ are systemic insecticides that kill both the adult and nymph stages of the GWSS that feed on the treated plants. This material is applied to the soil beneath the plant and/or sprayed onto the foliage of the plant. **NO Treatment to lawns, vegetables, herbs, nut trees, plants in containers, and commercial crops.**

Your property is scheduled for treatment on _____. Unfavorable weather conditions such as rain or other unforeseen problems may cause the treatment to be rescheduled. (We will notify you in writing if treatment has been delayed). We will leave a **completion notice** on your doorstep to notify you that your property has been treated. You do not need to be present during the treatment as long as our crew has access to your property.

The treatment takes only a few minutes, provided that you have made a few simple preparations prior to our arrival. What you can do to help:

- Both front and back yards are treated, please have gates unlocked in advance.
- Please secure any pets (do not expose secured pets to extreme temperatures).
- Please close all windows and doors.
- Please move any toys, furniture, barbecues, etc. away from plants to be treated.
- If you have citrus trees or grape vines, we will treat them, as they are a favorite host of GWSS. The fruits from citrus and grape plants are safe for consumption immediately after treatment if washed thoroughly before eating.
- Please wait the required minimum number of days (Pre-Harvest Interval) before picking and eating fruits from any treated trees or plants other than citrus or grapes (see-attached pages for crop and related Pre-Harvest Interval). Any fruits you want to eat before the Pre-Harvest Interval has elapsed should be picked before our crew arrives.
- As soon as the treatment has dried, you may use your yard as you normally would.
- **THE TREATMENT IS FREE OF CHARGE.**

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE OUR CREW ARRIVES TO TREAT YOUR PROPERTY, WE WILL ASSUME WE HAVE YOUR CONSENT TO TREAT, AND WILL PROCEED WITH THE TREATMENT AS SCHEDULED.

If you have any questions or a situation, please telephone the project office at **559-470-8188**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BLOCK NUMBER:

(Please mention the block number when contacting our office.)

DATE:

Landscaping plants that will be treated:

All varieties of non-edible landscaping plants **except:** Redwoods, succulents, cacti, lawns, plants in containers, and any plants not receiving regular water or located in standing water of any type.

** For a complete host list visit: <http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/pqm/manual/htm/454.htm>

Edibles that will NOT be treated:

All vegetables, herbs, nuts, and any fruit not specifically mentioned below. **Commercial crops (any crop offered for sale) will not receive treatment.**

Edibles that will always be treated:

Citrus: Citrus hybrids, Grapefruit, Kumquat, Lemon, Lime, Mandarin (tangerine), Pummelo, Orange, Satsuma mandarin, and other cultivars and/or hybrids of these will be treated with:

- CoreTect™ Tree and Shrub Tablets Insecticide.
Active ingredient: Imidacloprid
Signal word: Caution
Pre-Harvest Interval: **0 days**

Grapes (all varieties) will be treated with:

- Foliar spray of Merit® 75 WP or Merit® 75 WSP Insecticide
Active Ingredient: Imidacloprid
Signal word: Caution
Pre-Harvest Interval: **0 days**

Pome Fruits: Apple, Crabapple, Loquat, Quince, Pears will be treated with:

- Foliar spray of Merit® 75 WP or Merit® 75 WSP Insecticide after flower petal fall is complete.
Active Ingredient: Imidacloprid
Signal word: Caution
Pre-Harvest Interval: **7 days**

Edibles that may be treated on a limited basis with a foliar spray of Merit® 75 WSP Insecticide:

Pomegranate and Stone fruit crops: Apricot, Cherry, Nectarine, Peach, Plum, Plumcot, Pomegranate, Prune.

- Pre-Harvest Interval: **7 days**

Tropical fruit: Avocado, Cherimoya, Custard apple, Feijoa, Guava, Longan, Lychee, Mamey sapote, Mango, Papaya, Passionfruit, Persimmon, Spanish lime, Star apple, Starfruit, Sugar apple.

- Pre-Harvest Interval: **7 days**

Protection of pollinators: Merit® 75 WSP and Merit® 75 WP are not applied as a foliar spray to flowering plants when bees are actively foraging.

These products are toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Treatment will not occur near water features (koi ponds, pools, etc.) or standing water of any type.

Optimal control will be obtained if area is irrigated thoroughly before and after application.