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Making biosecurity a part of your garden



Australia is free from many harmful pests, weeds and diseases found elsewhere in the world. We need to work together to stop new pests and diseases from entering and spreading.

This will ensure

- Continued high-quality produce here at home.
- Access to export markets for our growers, which supports industry growth and jobs.
- Healthy bushlands and natural resources.

Biosecurity measures and looking for pests and diseases and reporting them to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) should be part of everybody's garden routine.

How gardeners can help

Look Act Report

Regularly monitor for fruit fly, citrus canker and other pests and diseases.

Seen unusual plant pests or diseases? Report them to DPIRD, even if you are not sure. It is essential that you report what you find as soon as possible. This gives us the best chance of containing pests and diseases before they spread.

Report anything unusual through the Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080, via the department's MyPestGuide® Reporter app or email padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au



MyPestGuide® Reporter



MyPestGuide® brings communities together to report, map and learn about pests and diseases.

Support your local community by protecting the natural environment and agricultural and horticultural industries from damaging pests and diseases.

Every report you make supports our biosecurity status and our ability to export our plant and bee products.

Download the free MyPestGuide® Reporter app from your app store or visit mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

What MyPestGuide® can offer you:

- A DPIRD expert will respond to your report with information
- Online maps and reports for you and your community
- Biosecurity workshops, education and citizen science projects
- The opportunity to protect:
 - our natural environment and agricultural and horticultural industries from damaging pests and diseases.
 - Australia's biosecurity status and our ability to export plant and bee products.

How to use MyPestGuide®

1. Download the free MyPestGuide® Reporter app from your app store
2. Look for unusual plant pests or disease signs in your local area.
3. Send us reports with up to four photos via the app or create a report online.
4. An expert will examine your photograph and respond with useful information.

Plate it. Don't plant it

The goods that you purchase from your supermarket or fruit and vegetable shop are intended for eating. Some exotic pests and diseases are present in limited parts of Australia. By planting fruit and vegetables intended for eating you could unknowingly introduce exotic pests and diseases into WA.



Arrive clean, leave clean

If it can move, it can carry diseases, pests and weeds.

Ensure clothing, hats, footwear, gardening tools, equipment, machinery and vehicles are free of weed seeds, mud, soil and organic matter before moving between gardens or farms and before entering and exiting bushland.

Buy local and check requirements before transporting plants

Transporting plants, seeds, cuttings, wood and mulch between regions can spread pests and diseases. Where possible buy local and check for biosecurity alerts before transporting plant or wood material between regions. Ensure you follow quarantine requirements when purchasing plant material including seeds from interstate and internationally. There may also be temporary Quarantine Areas in place to prevent the spread of exotic pests and diseases.



Do you have a home garden biosecurity plan?

A home garden biosecurity plan will help you to keep your garden free of pests and diseases and ensure you are aware and ready to report any new and unusual plant health symptoms.

Clean production and harvesting reduces pests and diseases

- Pick fruit and vegetables as they ripen.
- Remove and treat infested or diseased plants as soon as possible.
- Clean up trash and prunings for composting.
- Clean and disinfect your gardening tools.
- Sterilise pots and containers before potting new plants.

Purchase plants from reputable nurseries

Don't bring a new pest or disease into your garden. Only buy plants from reputable or accredited nurseries with comprehensive plant health and biosecurity practices in place to mitigate the spread of pests and diseases.



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