



FRUIT DONATION GUIDE

With an increased demand for food assistance, you can help your neighbors by donating unwanted citrus fruit to food banks, church groups and gleaning organizations – but be sure to follow this guidance to prevent the spread of harmful citrus pests and diseases.

Fruit Harvesting Guidance

When harvesting and donating fruit, follow this guidance to ensure harmful citrus pests and diseases such as Huanglongbing (HLB) and invasive fruit flies do not destroy your community's fruit. Quarantines have been put in place in Southern California to prohibit the movement of citrus that may contain the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), the pest that can spread HLB, a deadly citrus disease. In other areas of California, invasive fruit fly populations have triggered additional quarantines that restrict any movement of fruit off the property where it's grown, and no produce should be donated from these areas.

Click below to see active quarantine maps:

[HLB quarantine map](#) (click box titled, "Effective HLB Quarantine Boundary")

- Includes areas of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Riverside and Ventura counties.

[Invasive Fruit Fly quarantine maps](#)

- Includes areas of Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Santa Clara and Ventura counties.

If you are located in an invasive fruit fly quarantine:

- ⊘ Do not donate homegrown fruits and vegetables, as residents in invasive fruit fly quarantine areas are urged not to move homegrown produce from their property.

If you are not in an invasive fruit fly quarantine, you can safely donate citrus by taking these steps:

- ✔ Remove all leaves, stems and branches before citrus is moved from the property.
- ✔ Wash fruit thoroughly before moving the fruit.
- ✔ Remove any stems, leaves or other plant debris from collection bags, clothing, tools or vehicles before leaving the property.

For everyone:

- ✔ Inspect your homegrown produce and plants and report any suspected findings of pests and disease to the California Department of Food and Agriculture: 800-491-1899.

Learn more tips on preventing ACP and HLB and eradicating invasive fruit flies by visiting CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org and CAFruitFly.com.