Caring for Your Palms

Most homeowners hire tree trimmers to take care of planted palms. When hiring a trimmer, be sure to ask questions. The disease can be carried on Seeds, Plants, Saws, Knives and any tools used for trimming or pruning date palms.

- Does the Palm Tree trimming company operate outside of the Coachella Valley? Tools brought in from outside the valley must be **STERILIZED** before using!
- Do not use CHAINSAWS for cutting fronds—they are impossible to sterilize. Hand saws are better.
- Do not overlook any discoloration of leaves, branches, etc
- Report any unusual change or appearance in palm fronds, cut branches, etc to the local Agricultural Commissioners’ office.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS!**

Purchasing restricted Palms outside of the quarantine area and transporting into the protected area is prohibited by law.

Plant materials found in violation of the Quarantine law shall be removed at the owner’s expense. Civil fines and Jail time may apply to each violation.
Date Palm Disease

Interior Quarantine

Adopted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture in 1980, this quarantine was established to protect the California Date industry from Fusarium oxysporum, a soil-borne fungus spread with the Canary Island Date Palm (Phoenix canariensis). The statewide quarantine prohibits the movement of all plants and parts for propagation of the palm genus Phoenix, and all tools used for trimming or pruning of the genus Phoenix into a protected area.

Protected Areas

- Beginning at Eastern boundary of Cabazon through to the Coachella Valley and ending in Blythe, Riverside County
- All of Imperial County
- Inyo County—Township 27 north, Range 1 east, which includes the Furnace Creek Ranch of Death Valley

Retail—Wholesale Nurseries Approved to Sell Palms in the Coachella Valley

The following list of growers have been approved to sell palm trees propagated from seed verified as locally grown. These seedlings from local older palms have been inspected and found to be free of any sign of the Fusarium Wilt fungus. Palms growing in one gallon size pots are too small for retail sales; it takes on average four to five years of growth before a palm reaches the commercial sizes of 24" to 36”; thus more growers are continually being added to the current list. For an updated list, please contact Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner’s Indio office.

The listing order is not meant to represent a recommendation. The nurseries are named alphabetically.

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!

Proof of purchase is mandatory.