



To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) understands the heightened sensitivities and concerns at this time due to Coronavirus, and we wanted to provide clarity on the purpose of our recent visit and precautions we're taking to keep our communities and staff safe.

CDFA recently visited your citrus tree(s) in your front yard to inspect for a pest called the **Asian citrus psyllid (ACP)** and a deadly citrus tree disease called **Huanglongbing (HLB)**. ACP can spread HLB as they feed on citrus tree leaves.

CDFA's agricultural officials are taking all recommended public health precautions while they visually inspect citrus trees for ACP or HLB. Officials will not knock on your door; and do not need access to your home or backyard, or direct contact with you in order to complete their tasks. In some cases, ag officials may be taking samples of insects or plant material from front yard trees for further review.

**Their primary focus is to protect your citrus tree and the community's citrus trees** from this deadly and incurable plant disease, which is **not harmful to humans or pets** but is a death sentence for citrus trees. You can help save your citrus trees and the community's citrus trees by allowing agricultural officials to visually inspect for ACP and HLB. We all must work together to save our citrus trees.

**Please call the free statewide pest hotline with any questions: 800-491-1899. For more information on the pest and disease, visit [CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org](https://californiacitrusthreat.org).**

Thank you,

The California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Division

**CALIFORNIACITRUSTHREAT.ORG**

