# WHAT TO DO WHEN AN AG OFFICIAL VISITS YOUR PROPERTY

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO CITRUS?

A pest and disease are threatening California's ability to grow backyard citrus.



A plant disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) has been found in CA. There is no cure. Once a tree is confirmed with HLB it will die.



The disease is spread by an insect called the Asian citrus psyllid as it feeds on citrus tree leaves and stems.



The best way to protect California's citrus trees is to stop the pest and disease from spreading.





#### WHO IS AN AG OFFICIAL?



**State and federal agricultural officials** work to protect your citrus trees and your cooperation is crucial.



They may come to your community once or a few times a year if the pest or disease are found nearby.

## WHAT TO EXPECT



Agriculture crews may knock on your door to let you know they plan to inspect citrus trees on your property, and they may leave a notice if you're not home.



They will have a badge and uniform indicating their affiliation with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA).



They'll never ask to access your home and won't disturb your property.

They focus on ensuring your citrus tree gets the utmost care and attention.



# WHAT DO THEY DO?



They may place an insect trap in your citrus tree. These sticky yellow cards help agriculture officials track the presence of pests like the psyllid. They may inspect your citrus tree to look for the psyllid or the disease it spreads.



If ag officials see the psyllid on your tree, they may take samples back to the lab to test if it's infected with HLB.

## WHEN DO TREATMENTS HAPPEN?



If the psyllid or HLB has been found nearby.



Or, if citrus farmers are treating their trees in your area.



When treatments occur, you will receive a notice on your door to let you know when you will be visited by a treatment group.

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