

SPRING GARDENING TIPS FOR YOUR BACKYARD CITRUS TREE

The Asian citrus psyllid and the disease it can carry, Huanglongbing (HLB), have been found in California, but by following these best practices below you can keep your tree healthy while limiting the spread of HLB:



As the weather warms, apply water at the tree's trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree.



Newly planted trees should be watered every 3–7 days. Older trees can be watered every week or two.



Apply fertilizer and keep pests at bay. Ask your local nursery or garden center about which products are best.



When harvesting fruit, clip the fruit off at the stem with sharp clippers, removing all leaves.



Be sure to dry out citrus tree clippings or double bag them before removing the plant material from the property.