

BIOSECURITY ALERT

Citrus canker is a serious disease of citrus

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CITRUS CANKER IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Check your citrus plants

The Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) is asking Territorians to check their citrus plants for citrus canker disease.

Citrus canker is a contagious disease of citrus and is caused by the bacterium *Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *Citri*, which can affect all citrus plants.

What to look for

- Blister like lesions on leaves, stems and fruit that are raised, tan to brown in colour, and are surrounded by an oily, water soaked and yellow ring or halo.
- Large or older lesions may have a crater like appearance.



Citrus canker symptoms on a citrus leaf



Citrus canker symptoms on citrus stem

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What to do:

All Territorians with citrus plants are asked check them for symptoms. Do not collect samples or move the plants. If you think your plants may be infected with the citrus canker contact the Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

Who to contact:

- Call the citrus canker hotline: 1800 931 722
- Email: citruscanker@nt.gov.au
- Submit your photos online at: www.dpir.nt.gov.au/citrus-canker

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