

BIOSECURITY ALERT

Citrus canker is a serious disease of citrus

RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CITRUS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Getting citrus canker under control

Citrus canker is a contagious disease of citrus and other related plants that has been detected in the Northern Territory. It can have a serious impact on citrus production.

In order to control the spread of this disease, restrictions on the movement of plants that can be infected with citrus canker have been put into place from 21 May 2018.

What are movement restrictions and where are they?

- The control area covers the greater Darwin area and beyond, south to Adelaide River, east to Kakadu and west to Dundee. Plants susceptible to the disease and products such as fruit and leaves are not allowed out of this area.
- Restricted areas in the greater Darwin area have also been declared around places where infected plants have been found.
- Potential host plants including citrus and related plant products such as fruit and leaves cannot be moved into, out of or moved within the restricted areas. Propagation of citrus plants is also prohibited in the restricted areas.
- These restrictions do not apply to citrus products like fruit and juice which come from outside the control area.
- Maps showing the exact borders of the control area and the restricted areas are available at: www.dpir.nt.gov.au/citrus-canker

What does this mean for me?

- Fruit remains safe to eat - citrus canker does not harm humans or animals.
- You can still buy and sell citrus fruit and juice that comes from outside the control area such as that found in most supermarkets.
- You may not take citrus plants, plant cuttings, fruit or leaves from the control area to anywhere else.
- If you live or work in one of the restricted areas, you will receive a letter about this and plant health inspectors will be visiting your property to check for plants that could be infected.
- Plant health inspectors have powers to enter properties to take samples or to remove and destroy plants that could carry citrus canker.
- If you have concerns about inspectors accessing your property or any other questions please contact the citrus canker hotline: 1800 931 722.

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 photos at: www.dpir.nt.gov.au/citrus-canker

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