



A plant disease that kills citrus trees has been found in California. There is no cure and your citrus trees are at risk.

**With your help, it can be stopped before it's too late.**



## Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program

To learn more about the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB disease, visit [www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org](http://www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org) or call the California Department of Food and Agriculture hotline at **1-800-491-1899**.

You can also download the Save Our Citrus smartphone app to help you identify and report the pest and disease.

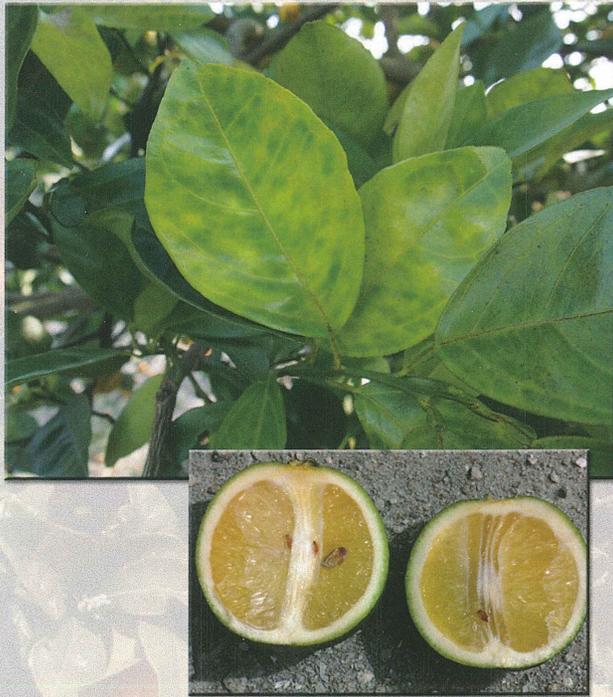
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# Save Your Citrus!

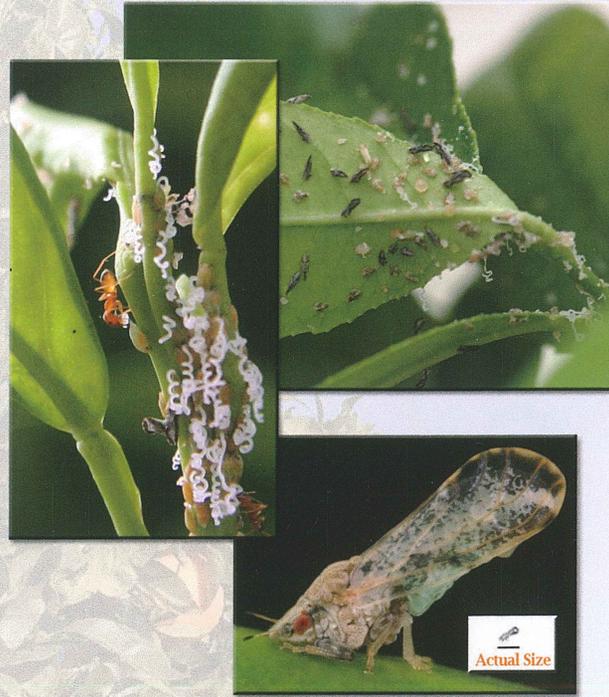


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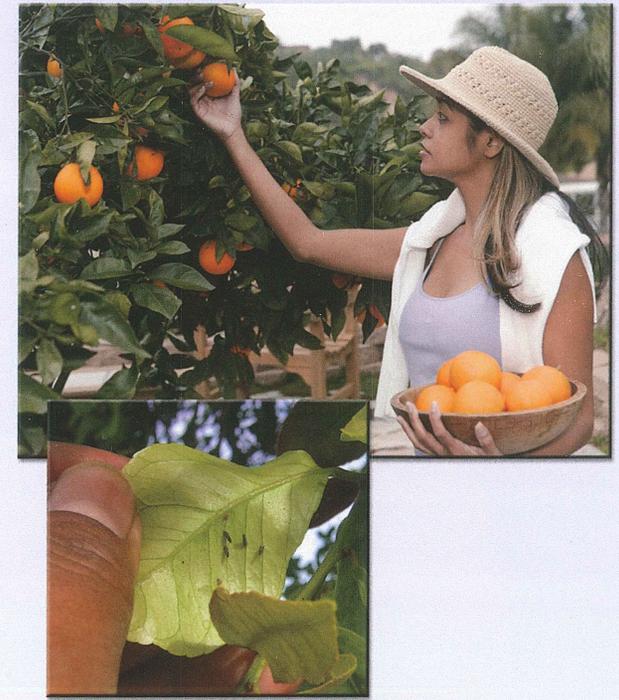
### **The Disease: Huanglongbing (HLB)**

- Also called citrus greening disease and yellow shoot disease.
- It kills citrus trees and there is no cure.
- Diseased trees produce lopsided, bitter fruit, and eventually die.
- HLB was found in a backyard lemon tree in Southern California in March 2012.
- Removal of HLB-infected trees is critical to protect the health of your other citrus trees, your neighbors' trees and your community's citrus.



### **The Dangerous Pest: Asian Citrus Psyllid**

- HLB is spread by an insect called the Asian citrus psyllid, which transfers the disease from tree to tree as it feeds.
- The Asian citrus psyllid is small, about the size of an aphid.
- Eggs are laid on young, new growth of citrus, where small, yellowish orange nymphs feed and develop.
- This insect has been in California since 2008.
- The best way to protect against the disease is to find and stop the pest from spreading.



### **The Solution: We All Play a Critical Role**

- Inspect your citrus trees monthly.
- Do not move citrus plants or plant material out of quarantine areas or across state or international borders.
- Plant trees from reputable, licensed California nurseries.
- Use only registered budwood that comes with source documentation.
- Dry out or double bag plant clippings prior to disposal.
- Visit your local nursery or garden center to learn what products can help protect your tree from the Asian citrus psyllid.