No more California citrus?
That is what is at stake if the Asian citrus psyllid and the disease it carries establishes here!
With your help it can be stopped – before it is too late!

The Dangerous Pest: Asian citrus psyllid (ACP)
- A small insect, about the size of an aphid.
- Feeds on leaves and stems of citrus and close relatives of citrus such as curry leaves, also known as kury patta.
- Eggs are laid on young 'flush growth' leaves where small yellowish orange nymphs feed and develop.
- The psyllid is a carrier of the deadly plant disease, Huanglongbing.
- This insect originally came from Asia and India, arrived in Florida in 1998, has since spread to other US states and Mexico and recently arrived in southern California.
- Limiting the spread of the psyllid will limit the spread of the disease.

The Disease: Huanglongbing (HLB)
- Also called greening disease or yellow shoot disease.
- Causes irregular yellowing of leaves.
- Produces bitter, inedible, deformed fruit.
- HLB kills citrus trees and there is no cure.
- The disease is not found in California but it is infecting citrus in Florida, nearby Mexico and could come from as far away as Asia and India.

How will the pest and disease get here?
Hitchhiking on these plants:
- All varieties of citrus (lemons, limes, oranges, etc) and close relatives.
- Indian curry leaves or kury patta that are used for cooking.
- Ornamentals such orange jasmine or jessamine and box orange.

The Solution: We all play a critical role
- Be prepared – learn to recognize the pest and disease and teach others what you know.
- Inspect your citrus trees each month.
- Remind everyone that it is illegal to bring citrus, curry leaves, or any other host plant into California from other states or countries because they can carry the insect or be infected with HLB.

If you suspect your tree has the psyllid or disease act fast! Call your County Agricultural Commissioner or the CDFA hotline at 800-491-1899.

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