



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

August 2021

Black Fig Fly-Call to Action

There is a new invasive species in CA that is impacting figs, the black fig fly, *Silba adipata*. It is a new pest to California and it appears to only eat figs. It was first found in Southern California in June, it is not known how widespread the pest is. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is looking to the UC Master Gardener Program as a crucial partner in monitoring for Black Fig Fly through our helplines, scouting in our own homes and communities, and helping public awareness through our vast training network and communications channels.

Any findings can be reported to CDFA through their report a pest hotline <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/reportapest/> or by alerting your local County Agricultural Commissioner office. The CDFA has given guidance for individuals to directly report any possible sightings or activity to the CDFA's Report a Pest hotline at 1 (800) 491-1899 or via email pesthotline@cdfa.ca.gov with your name, location of the sighting, and whenever possible images.



Fig damage caused by the Black Fig Fly.
Photo courtesy of Chris Sayer, CDFA.

Information can be found on the following links.

CDFA Pest advisory: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/countyag/postings/files/PD_08-2021_BFF_L.pdf

Silba adipata, Black Fig Fly damage identification video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZlk-e6Ami8>

New Pest on Figs, an informational blog by UC ANR Advisor, Ben Faber: <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=49051&sharing=yes>

Disinfecting, sanitizing and cleaning wipes.

There has been more interest in the past year and a half about cleaning surfaces and hands and wipes are often the go to product to use. Not all wipes are the same. Label references to “cleaning,” “disinfecting” and “sanitizing” properties mean different things. Disinfectants contain pesticides registered by the EPA, they kill or deactivate pathogens listed on the label. Wipes labeled as sanitizing lower the number of pathogens on a surface. Cleaning removes bacteria, virus, and other pathogens (germs), dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects. Cleaning alone does not kill or deactivate all germs. Before you purchase wipes know how you intend to use them. For more information see the latest issue of the Retail Nursery and Garden Center IPM newsletter.

http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PDF/PUBS/Summer_2021_Retail_Newsletter.pdf14



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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on August 4 at 1:00. We will be meeting in the office.

Reappointment

Thanks to everyone for getting reappointment completed in VMS. We are not done yet. There is a \$6 insurance fee that needs to be paid. If you have not paid you can bring cash or a check made out to UC Regents to the meeting on August 4.

Continuing Education and Volunteer Hours

It's never too early to start earning those volunteer and continuing education hours. Don't wait until the last few months.

Sacramento County Master Gardeners are holding their annual Harvest Day on August 7, it will be a virtual event this year. There will live sessions that you can register for and several pre-recorded events. The pre-recorded events are already available on their website.

Here is the link. http://sacmg.ucanr.edu/Harvest_Day/

Willows Community Market

On Saturday August 14, the Willows Chamber of Commerce is having business expo at the Saturday morning Tractor Supply Farmers Market. There will be no fee for community volunteer groups such as the Master Gardeners. This would be a good opportunity to get information to the public about what we do and recruit new members for the next class. Volunteers are needed.

COVID 19 Update and Mask Policy

UCANR has updated it's mask protocol. UC ANR employees, volunteers, and program participants must wear a mask while working indoors or when in vehicles for work in the following conditions or locations:

- persons who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19
- all persons, regardless of vaccination status, at work locations in Counties which are experiencing substantial or high transmission of COVID-19, based on the CDC COVID data tracker. Currently 46 of California's 58 counties are in the substantial or high transmission tier.
- all persons at work locations in Counties which are subject to a state or local Public Health Order requiring all persons to wear a mask indoors.

As of this date Glenn County is **not** in the substantial or high transmission tier, but it could change any day. Check the CDC COVID data tracker or the County Website for current conditions.