

Travelling grower advice

Many growers and orchard employees visit farms when in other regions of Australia or overseas. This makes you a biosecurity threat to their farm and to your business when you return home.

The [Biosecurity manual for citrus producers](#) describes procedures for managing people movement and high risk visitors in detail on pages 22-24.

There are a few simple steps to follow to ensure you don't infect your host's property when visiting or your own property on return:

- Seek permission before entering the property
- Ensure your clothing, footwear, and vehicle are clean before arriving (no dirt, plant material)
- Follow biosecurity procedures for parking and decontamination before entering (e.g. footbath), if you are using your vehicle stick to designated roadways and respect the no go areas.
- If using secateurs or other equipment that has been in other citrus orchards ensure it is clean and preferably sterilized before entering.
- Clean yourself and your vehicle before you leave the property, preferably at their designated wash down area. Check there is no plant material lodged in or under your vehicle.
- Wash hands and other exposed skin with warm soapy water or antibacterial gel
– **especially if citrus canker was present**

When you return home and before entering your orchard:

- Double check your vehicle and any equipment used is clean
- Disinfect your boots with a chlorine or copper based product
- Wash clothing, check there is no plant material or soil in pockets, cuffs etc.

Assume all areas you visit overseas to be high risk and take additional precautions:

- consider wearing old footwear on farm visits and leaving it behind when returning to Australia
- check clothing for plant material, insects, or soil and have it laundered before you leave
- clean and sterilize any equipment that has been used in the orchard

Do not bring any plant material into Australia and comply with all border security requirements.

[Decontamination procedures](#) followed by those involved in emergency response to pest incursions in Australia may be helpful for informing on farm decontamination procedures.

Remember you have an important role to play in protecting your orchard, your region, and the citrus industry from biosecurity threats.

More information at [Plant Health Australia](#) or [Citrus Australia](#) websites.

If you see anything unusual call the

