

Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) Treatment FAQ

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Why are you treating for GWSS?

The glassy-winged sharpshooter is a pest that does not naturally occur in our area. GWSS are known to be the main vector of a bacteria (*Xylella fastidiosa*) that is catastrophic to grapevines as well as other agricultural commodities. GWSS and the bacteria it vectors do not cause any harm to people or pets.

Will my backyard be treated? Is it safe to let my pets/kids outside after the treatment?

The El Dorado County Agriculture Department is working with Neighborly Pest Management and are treating front and backyards. Once the treatment is dried it is safe to use your yard as normal. Multiple treatments may be necessary for control of GWSS.

Will my property be sprayed without my consent?

Signed consent forms must be on file for treatments to take place. The more residents who consent to treatment the better our success at eradicating GWSS. You can also give your consent by calling or emailing our office.

When will my property be sprayed?

Once we have a consent, we will leave another notification at least 48 hours prior to treatments taking place.

How do you decide which properties will be treated?

Properties within 500 feet of a confirmed GWSS find will be treated. Not everyone who received a town meeting postcard will be part of the treatment area.

What plants will be treated?

Any host material for the GWSS will be sprayed including citrus trees, grape vines, crape myrtles, maples, oleander, etc. We will **not** be spraying lawns or vegetables.

I have cancer, diabetes, asthma, etc., is the treatment safe for me?

Consult your doctor.

Is there a cost for treatment?

No. Any property treated as part of the emergency proclamation to eradicate GWSS will be done at no cost to the property owner.

For more information visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/PD_GWSS_NOT_Mtg.html

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures>

You can also call the El Dorado County Agriculture Department at **(530) 621-5520** or email at **eldcag@edcgov.us**.