

BIOSECURITY ALERT

Citrus canker movement restrictions

RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON THE MOVEMENT OF CITRUS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Getting citrus canker under control

Citrus canker, a contagious bacterial disease which affects all citrus and citrus canker host plants has been detected in the Northern Territory.

In order to control the spread of this disease, restrictions on the movement of plants that can be infected with citrus canker have been put into place from 21 May 2018.

What are movement restrictions and where are they?

Movement restrictions are a tool to limit the movement of citrus and citrus canker host plants within specified areas to prevent the further spread of citrus canker.

Movement restrictions are in place in the two control areas and within the multiple restricted areas across the Northern Territory.

Control areas

- Control areas are declared zones where movement restrictions are in place.
- A control area has been established over the whole of the greater Darwin area and beyond, south to Adelaide River, east to Kakadu and west to Dundee, from which citrus plants cannot be removed.
- A control area also exists across the Katherine local government area.
- Plants susceptible to the disease and products such as fruit and leaves are not allowed out of this area unless a permit is issued.
- See the movement diagram on the back page to understand control area requirements.
- To view maps of the control areas and restricted areas visit www.nt.gov.au/citruscanker

Restricted areas

- Restricted areas are declared zones that cover a 600 metre radius around properties where infected plants have been found. Movement restrictions also apply within restricted areas.

- There are multiple restricted areas (*) within the Darwin control area and one restricted area within the Katherine control area.
- Citrus and citrus canker host plants as well as related plant products such as fruit and leaves cannot be moved into, out of or within the restricted areas.
- These restrictions do not apply to citrus products like fruit and juice which come from outside the control areas.
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What does this mean for me?

- If you live in a restricted area you cannot plant or have potted host plants or plant material on your premises until movement restrictions cease.
- You can still buy and sell citrus fruit and juice in the restricted area that comes from outside the control area. This includes products found in most supermarkets.
- The Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources has commenced removing all citrus plants and any citrus canker host plants and materials from properties within restricted areas. This will be done in a staged approach and will be discussed with residents beforehand.

How can I help?

- If you live in a restricted area, please contact the hotline to arrange a suitable time for authorised inspectors to visit your property.
- Do not collect samples, move or remove the plants.
- All Territorians are asked to check their citrus or citrus canker host plants for symptoms of the disease, and report any citrus plants bought in the last two years.

(*) Maps of restricted areas are available on www.nt.gov.au/citruscanker

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Contact us via:

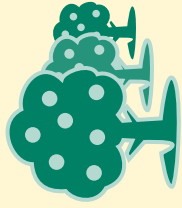
Citrus canker hotline: 1800 931 722

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Web: Visit www.nt.gov.au/citruscanker for more information on the response



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Outside

Control areas

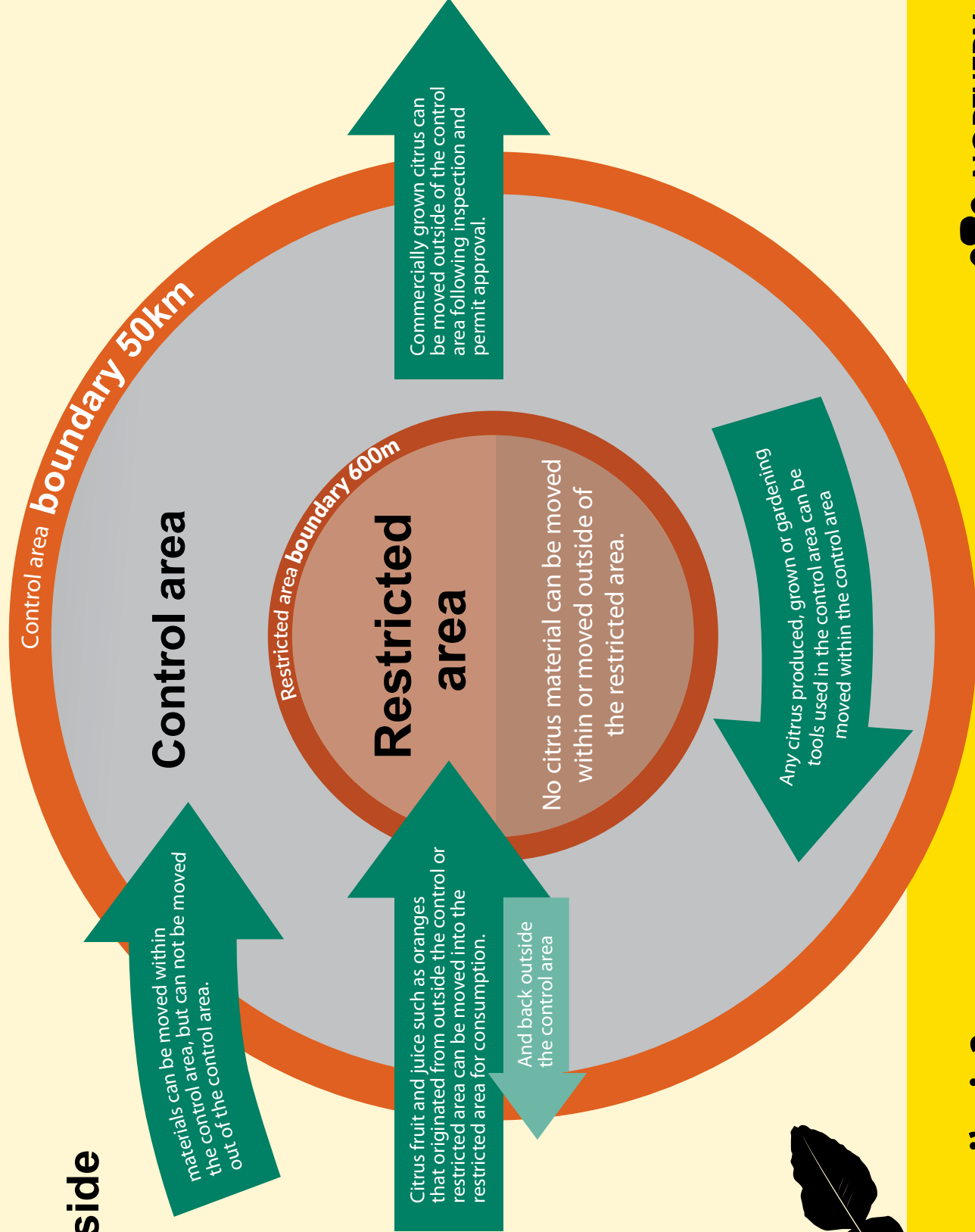
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Citrus materials include:

- fruit
- juice
- citrus plants and leaves
- citrus canker
- host plants
- gardening tools



How do I know what area i'm in?

To find out if you live in a restricted and/or control area visit www.nt.gov.au/citruscanker