



Industry Update - Queensland fruit fly (Qfly)

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responding to the detection of Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) in Perth's southern suburbs.

Qfly is an invasive pest which attacks more than 300 species of fruits and vegetables and could seriously impact Western Australia's horticulture industries and home-grown produce.

Several male Qfly were detected over recent days in the department's surveillance traps in the **Willagee** and **Palmyra** areas prompting an immediate eradication response.

Surveillance traps throughout the metropolitan area and in horticulture production areas form a vital part of the State's early warning biosecurity system.

Next steps

- DPIRD will move quickly to increase trapping and commence inspecting host plants and baiting street trees in Willagee and Palmyra areas.
- Residents in these areas can expect to receive a visit or a card in their letterboxes asking them to contact the department to discuss appropriate access to carry out these activities.
- DPIRD will provide further updates early next week.

History of Qfly eradication in Perth

DPIRD has successfully eradicated Queensland fruit fly nine times from the Perth metropolitan area since the 1980s.

The most recent responses were in Bayswater and Belmont in 2023, Dalkeith, Claremont and Nedlands in 2020 and Coolbellup in 2021.

Biosecurity and reporting

Reports of suspected Qfly can be made to DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080 or via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or website.

More information

More information on Qfly and the biosecurity response can be found on the department's website <https://www.wa.gov.au/qfly> as the response progresses.

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