

Attention Harrington Residents!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

“green waste” (leaves, twigs, branches, lawn clippings, etc.) can NOT be put in your garbage dumpsters.



Apple maggot is a pest that threatens Washington's iconic apple industry, as well as many of our other fruit crops. Apple maggots attack apples, crabapples, hawthorn, cherries, pears, plums, and apricots.

Apple maggot has never been detected in commercially packed Washington fruit. **However, they recently expanded their range to include Harrington & Sprague!**

By working together we can help to safeguard the highly valuable commercial fruit industry in surrounding counties. As the old saying goes, don't let a bad apple spoil the barrel. In an effort to protect the highly valuable economic fruit industry of Eastern WA, the Washington State Dept. of Ag (WSDA) expanded the apple maggot quarantine area effective Jan. 1, 2017.



This quarantine area includes Harrington!

Apple maggot can spread quickly when humans move fruit (including apples, crab apples, hawthorn, cherries, pears, plums, and apricots) into pest-free areas. That is why **WSDA prohibits the movement of fruit from inside the quarantine to outside of the quarantined area.**

For the homeowner in a quarantine area, this means they cannot take yard waste or garbage to dumps or transfer stations in the pest-free area. **Harrington's garbage disposal currently goes to the Lincoln Co. Transfer Station which is in a pest-free area.**

Therefore, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: “green waste” (leaves, twigs, branches, lawn clippings, etc.) can NOT be put in your garbage dumpsters. Compliance required from ALL Harrington citizens to minimize a possible garbage rate increase!

More than apples - What to do with your fruit. Here are some ideas for managing your fruit and yard waste.

- Process (cook, can, juice, dry, etc.) homegrown fruit before transporting outside the quarantine area.
- Compost or destroy yard waste at home.
- Take yard waste to a green waste disposal area inside the quarantine area. **The city of Harrington is working on a management plan.** In the meantime, as you begin your spring yard and garden cleanup **please segregate yard waste for future disposal and watch for more details** from the City of Harrington.

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<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/InsectPests/AppleMaggot/>