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JAPANESE BEETLE OPEN HOUSE, APRIL 12 | GRANDVIEW WA

GRANDVIEW – Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is hosting an open house on Tuesday, April 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. to share information about its plans to eradicate the invasive Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*).

The open house will be held at the Grandview Library, 500 W. Main St. Grandview, WA 98930. Parking for the event is on the south side of the library, entering from West Second Street. WSDA will have English and Spanish-speaking representatives at the event to answer questions or take consent forms.

Grandview residents are encouraged to attend to learn about the eradication, and give consent to get their property treated free of charge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRANDVIEW SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 1
APRIL 16, 9 AM – 3 PM | 850 BRIDGEVIEW RD., GRANDVIEW

GRANDVIEW SPRING FLING NO RHYME OR REASON COUNTRY FLEA MARKET
APRIL 22 – 23, 10 AM – 5 PM | 812 WALLACE WAY, GRANDVIEW

WSDA English and Spanish-speaking representatives will be both upcoming events to educate on the invasive beetle and answer questions. If you own property in or near Grandview you’ll want to stop by and learn how you can prevent the establishment of Japanese beetle.
TRAPPING PLANS

WSDA will place and monitor traps in Grandview and surrounding areas, checking for Japanese beetles. We will increase our trapping efforts, hanging 2,500 traps in the area. Plant services will also place over 90 traps in and around licensed nurseries and recruit an additional pest biologist to support eradication efforts.

Representatives will begin trapping next month along roadsides and public property. However, state law does give WSDA authority to trap for invasive pests on private property when necessary to ensure coverage in an area. WSDA trappers are identifiable by the safety vests they wear bearing “WSDA” on the back and also have state identification. If you want a trap removed from your property before the end of the trapping season, please call 1-800-443-6684.

TREATMENT PLANS

WSDA is seeking permission from each property owner in the infested to begin treatments. If you own property in the treatment area you should have received a letter in the mail with a unique PIN. You will need your PIN to give our team permission to treat our property.

Instructions for giving consent for treating your yard for Japanese beetle are below. There is NO COST for the property owner or resident.

1. Go to agr.wa.gov/beetles
2. Click on the “Give treatment consent” button
3. Enter your unique PIN
4. Confirm the treatment address
5. Complete the form and click “submit.”

In order for our eradication efforts to be successful, we need to treat every property in the Grandview area.

If you are unable to locate your PIN contact the PestProgram@agr.wa.gov, or call 1-800-443-6684.

WA PREPARES AGAINST INVASIVE ROSE- AND HOP-EATING BEETLE

A recent article was published highlighting the investigation going into eradicating this invasive pest, click here to read the story.

NEW DETECTIONS

WSDA has confirmed no new reports of Japanese beetles following the 2021 trapping season. Currently the pest is living below the soil surface as larvae, or grubs. As temperatures increase they will begin feeding on grass roots. If you notice brown patches within your lawn, it may be a result of feeding.
HOW CAN YOU REPORT IT?

If you have seen Japanese beetle, please report it! Take a picture and note the location. You can report sightings using our online reporting map and form. Or you can email us at PestProgram@agr.wa.gov, or call 1-800-443-6684.

Larvae will begin to be seen during the spring below the soil surface, especially in lawns. They are a white c-shaped grub with a brown/tan head with visible legs, typically about 1/8 to 1 inch long. Please note some species have similar larvae and a specimen may be needed for verification.

STAY CONNECTED

WSDA is dedicated to working with the public to provide information on Japanese beetle. WSDA has taken pictures of the pest around the Grandview area, to view images please visit flicker.com/wsdagov. View the Pest Alert for Japanese beetle.

- Join the Japanese beetle Facebook group.
- Join the Pest Program email listserv.
- Follow WSDA on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.