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JAPANESE BEETLE BLAST #22.07 – AUGUST 4, 2022

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JAPANESE BEETLE UPDATE – VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY AUGUST 4 AT 6 P.M.

Get an update on WSDA's work to respond to the Japanese beetle introduction in Yakima and Benton counties. Learn what the department is catching and what you can do to protect your own gardens and farms to assist in the eradication of this invasive pest. [Click here to share and respond to the event on Facebook.](#)

[Click here to join the webinar Thursday August 4 at 6 p.m.](#) If prompted, the meeting password is pestprogram.

NOTE FOR GROWERS

WSDA confirmed two detections outside of the infested area. A resident captured and reported three beetles July 26 in Wapato. Later that week, WSDA captured a beetle in a trap in Richland July 28. This suggests the Japanese beetle population could be spreading very quickly. The longer this invasive pest continues to thrive here, the more difficult and expensive it will be to control.



JAPANESE BEETLE FOUND IN RICHLAND, GROWING CONCERN FOR AG PRODUCTS

The Japanese beetle infestation is growing exponentially in Washington as state officials work to keep the invasive species at bay.



JAPANESE BEETLE FOUND IN WAPATO, STATE ALERTS GROWERS TO PROTECT CROPS FROM GROWING INFESTATION

[Click here to read the press release about the Wapato detection.](#)

[Click here to read the press release about the Richland detection.](#)

RESIDENTS SEE JAPANESE BEETLES AFTER SPRAYING INSECTICIDE, ENTOMOLOGISTS EXPLAIN WHY

WSDA treated turf and lawns of properties that provided homeowner consent in the spring of 2022. The treatment targets larvae/grubs that adult Japanese beetles are producing in the summer. The grubs will eat the treatment product throughout the summer and into the fall and die. This will decrease the number of adult beetle detections in the 2023 season.

However, WSDA did not apply treatment to non-consenting properties, and areas not filled with turf or lawn. WSDA is also trapping and encouraging residents to trap. Efforts will take multiple years.

[Click here to learn more and read the entire blog.](#)

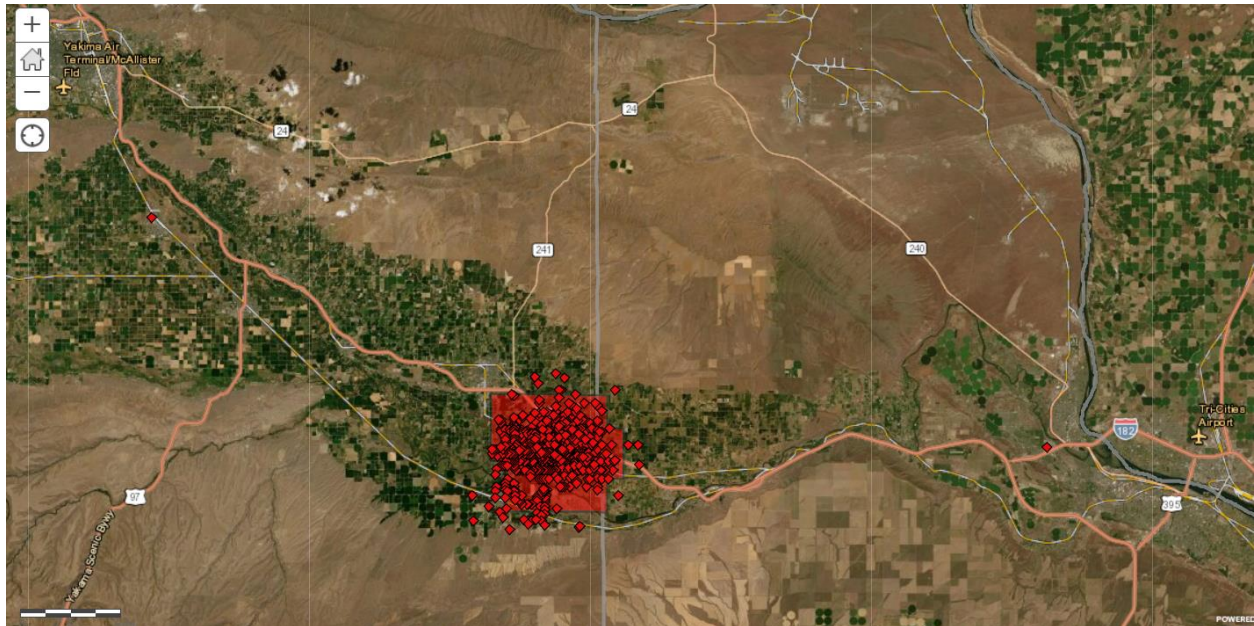
YARD DEBRIS SITE NOW OPEN IN GRANDVIEW FOR JAPANESE BEETLE CONTROL

Taking yard debris outside the infested area could help transport and spread Japanese beetle. Therefore a Yard Debris Drop-Off site has been established for residents inside the proposed quarantine to dispose of certain green waste items for free. The site is located at 875 Bridgeview Rd., Grandview WA 98930. It is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 3 p.m. [Click here to learn more about how to use the site and prevent the spread of Japanese beetle.](#)

NOTE FOR INDUSTRY

WSDA is working to eradicate Japanese beetle, but it will take cooperation between growers, industry, and residents. Mark your calendars for a virtual Japanese Beetle Update targeted towards industry on

August 9 at noon PST. If you operate in Yakima, Benton, or Franklin counties you will want to [follow this link to learn more about how to attend the webinar.](#)



The diamonds on the above map show current detections of Japanese beetle. The red square shows the current proposed quarantine boundary.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT

If you suspect you have seen a Japanese beetle, WSDA asks you snap and send a picture. You can upload this image with a report to agr.wa.gov/beetles, or email PestProgram@agr.wa.gov.

KNOW IF YOU ARE CLOSE TO DETECTIONS

WSDA created a real-time detection map that you can use to determine if you are near a known WSDA Japanese beetle detection. Stay informed! [Click here to view the map.](#)

COLLECT BEETLES YOURSELF

We encourage community members to capture as many beetles as possible, and anyone can do it. A wide variety of traps are available for purchase. They vary in design so follow the instructions provided. You can also handpick adult beetles off vegetation and drop them in a bowl of soapy water. It is best to do this in the morning or evenings when beetles are less active. Japanese beetles are safe to handle and cannot bite or sting.

Remember to report any captured beetles to WSDA online at agr.wa.gov/beetles or take the catch to a drop off location. We are trying to count every beetle.



STAY UP TO DATE

Inform others about what they can do and how to stay connected. This multi – year eradication will require cooperation between WSDA, businesses, and communities.

Others can receive future Beetle Blasts by signing up with their email. They should check the box next to Japanese beetle, and uncheck topics of no interest. [Use this link to share the Pest Program email listserv.](#)

Additional updates can also be viewed on the Japanese Beetle Watch Facebook group. [Click here to connect with WSDA and others.](#)

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](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdagov/). View the [Pest Alert](#) for Japanese beetle.

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