

Key messages for stakeholder use

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Fruit in schools - for Riverland schools

- Fruit fly restrictions are in place for many Riverland schools, families and businesses.
- You can continue to pack lunchboxes with fruit and vegetables purchased from Riverland shops providing it is secured in a lunchbox and the waste is disposed of correctly at school (if located in a red or yellow area).
- You do not need to supply a receipt with lunchboxes, but please retain your receipt at home as proof of purchase for fruit and vegetables bought at recognised retail outlets.
- You still cannot bring any restricted home-grown fruit to school if you live in a red outbreak area. It is a high risk for fruit fly and has not had agreed treatments applied like shop-bought produce.
- Visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to see what home-grown fruit and vegetables are at risk from fruit fly and are therefore restricted.
- **For schools in red outbreak areas:** If you live in a red area, home-grown fruit and vegetable at risk from fruit fly cannot be brought to school. If you live in a yellow or green area, home-grown fruit and vegetables can be brought to school but must not return home. All fruit waste, including fruit not grown at home, must be disposed of at school. Please speak with the front office about safely disposing of fruit waste.
- Schools in red outbreak areas (aside from Renmark and Renmark West) must seal waste and uneaten fruit in an airtight bag and contact the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 to arrange collection. Schools in red outbreak areas located in Renmark and Renmark West must use a green lid bin for waste or uneaten fruit. If the school doesn't have green lid bins, double bag the waste and put it in a general waste bin.
- **For schools in yellow suspension areas:** If you live in a red area, you cannot bring any restricted home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a yellow area you can bring home-grown fruit and vegetables to and from school. If you live in a green area, home-grown fruit and vegetable can be brought to school but must not return home.
- Schools in yellow suspension areas need to double bag all fruit waste and place in the general waste bin.
- **For schools in green unaffected areas:** If you live in a yellow or red area, you cannot bring restricted home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a green area, it is ok to bring all fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables to school and take anything uneaten back home.
- All fruit is okay to bring to school if it has been cooked, dried, frozen, grated, or pureed.

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- Search the fruit fly map to check what colour area your home and school are in – fruitfly.sa.gov.au
- Understand the restrictions in place for home-grown fruit and vegetables and how to safely move purchased fruit and vegetables.
- Find ideas on how to prepare your home-grown fruit and vegetables so they can be packed in lunchboxes at fruitfly.sa.gov.au/packing-lunches.
- At home and school, there are lots of things that can be done to help prevent fruit fly:
 - **Pick** ripe fruit promptly
 - **Collect** fallen fruit. Do not compost or bury it. Check the fruit fly website for waste advice relevant for your area
 - **Check** your fruit for blemishes and maggots
 - **Call** the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you suspect fruit fly. Seal fruit in an airtight bag, ready for collection.
- Fruits and vegetables on this list fruitfly.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-produce that are grown on school grounds in a red outbreak area must not leave the site. They can be used for cooking classes and consumed on the site. Follow our school waste advice for any uneaten fruit and vegetable. It cannot be composted or buried. It should not be fed to chickens or any other animals.
- Families and staff will be informed when restrictions have ended.