

COOPERATIVE RED IMPORTED FIRE ANT PROJECT

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TO ALL CONCERNED WITH SOIL MOVEMENT IN ORANGE COUNTY AND THE QUARANTINED AREAS OF RIVERSIDE AND LOS ANGELES COUNTIES:

The State of California has established a Quarantine against the Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) in all of Orange County and parts of Los Angeles and Riverside Counties. As a result, restrictions have been placed on the movement of soil, except when commercially packaged, and products associated with soil, including baled hay that has been in direct contact with the ground, plants and sod with roots and soil attached, and soil-moving equipment, unless free of all noncompacted soil. These activities must be certified by RIFA Project Regulatory personnel or by the Agricultural Commissioners Office of the County of Orange, Los Angeles, or Riverside.

Certification for movement of soil from or within the quarantined area may be made by calling the Project and scheduling an inspection at least 24 hours in advance. Inspections are free and may consist of a visual survey or by trapping the area and determining if RIFA are present. Certification for movement of soil within the quarantined area will be based on the severity of RIFA in the general area where the soil is being excavated in conjunction with where the soil is to be moved. RIFA Form CA-1 (attached) may be faxed to the Project office with the appropriate information. If no RIFA are found at the site of origination, movement is permitted and a certification will be provided stating that the site found negative for RIFA. If RIFA are found at the origination site, movement is prohibited until a pesticide treatment plan is established as required by Project personnel.

There are many federal, state, county, and city governments as well as even more private companies and persons dealing in soil movement such as grading, digging, landscaping, and other building projects. If you are unsure as to whether or not your project is subject to these requirements, please fax a copy of form CA-1 to (760) 776-8091. We will respond within 1 business day.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in this matter.

I have read and understand this document _____
(print name)

(signature)

Fax number: () _____

Company: _____ Phone number: () _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

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Job Site

Address: _____

It is the responsibility of each person involved in the movement of soil to report the sightings of ants. We will assign you an identification number (Compliance Agreement #) when you fax or mail in your request for an inspection.

Cooperative Red Imported Fire Ant Project
Notification of Intent to Move Soil from or within Quarantined
Areas of Orange, Riverside and Los Angeles Counties

RIFA Compliance Agreement # _____	Permit # _____ Issuing City/County _____ Agency: _____
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Name of Company Requesting Approval: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Excavation Location: _____ TB*: _____

_____ Acres: _____

Destination Location: _____

_____ TB: _____

_____ Acres: _____

Estimated Quantity of Soil (e.g. # Cubic Yards): _____

Anticipated Date of Movement: _____

Urgency Level for Immediate Inspection and Release: [Circle One] High Medium Low

- Movement of Soil is Permitted.
- Hold Movement Until Site Checked – WE WILL CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE INSPECTION DATE AND TIME.

Date Trapped: _____ # of Traps: _____ Trapped by: _____ Acres: _____
Date Picked Up: _____ Comments: _____ PDR #: _____

- Soil Movement is Strictly Prohibited for the Following Reason(s):

Name of RIFA Project Regulatory Official: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ RIFA Form CA-1