



County of Santa Cruz

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DISEASE CONTROL UNIT

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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Public Health Issue: CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F Spraying for Control of the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)

INCIDENT

The California Department of Food and Agriculture will be spraying CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F in selected areas of Santa Cruz County --Soquel, Live Oak, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Aptos, and Scotts Valley, in order to address the light brown apple moth (LBAM) infestation.

Spraying will begin on November 4, 2007 and continue through November 9, 2007, between the hours of 8pm and 5am.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Physicians are required by law, Health and Safety Code 105200, to notify the County of Santa Cruz Health Officer, via the Disease Control Unit, of illness or injury that you suspect was caused by pesticides.
- Fax your completed **Confidential Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide-related Illness** to (831) 454-5049 or call (831) 454-4114 within 24 hours.
- The reporting form is included as a separate attachment.

INFORMATION

- The product that will be sprayed, CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F, is a pheromone that purports to disrupt the mating of the light brown apple moth.
- The California Department of Food and Agriculture has posted a list of ingredients in CheckMate LBAM-F (but not CheckMate OLR-F) and it is included as a separate attachment.
- EPA evaluated the safety of the CheckMate products and concluded that the risks to human health and the environment are negligible.
- There are no diagnostic tests/biological markers for localized or systemic CheckMate LBAM-F or CheckMate OLR-F exposure.

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