



INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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Chief Building Official

RED IMPORTED FIRE ANT QUARANTINE

The State of California has established a quarantine against the Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) in all of Orange County. As a result, restrictions have been placed on the movement of soil, including grading projects and swimming pool excavations. Such activities must be certified by RIFA Project Regulatory personnel. In cooperation with the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture, the City of Irvine will require RIFA certification prior to issuance of a grading or swimming pool permit, or any other permit involving the movement of soil.

Certification for movement of soil from or within the quarantined area may be made by contacting the RIFA Project and scheduling an inspection. Inspections are free and may consist of a visual survey or by trapping the area and determining if RIFA are present. If no RIFA are found at the site or origination, movement is permitted and a certification will be provided stating that the site was found negative for RIFA. If RIFA are found, movement will be prohibited until a pesticide treatment plan is established as required by Project personnel. Inspections may be scheduled (at least 3 days in advance) by returning the completed RIFA Form CA-1 (attached), via email or facsimile, to the Cooperative Red Imported Fire Ant Project. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to provide the City of Irvine with the completed RIFA Certification prior to issuance of the associated permit.

Attachments: CDFA Red Imported Fire Ant-Pest Exclusion Program RIFA Form CA-1
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California Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Red Imported Fire Ant-Pest Exclusion Program

Notification of Intent to Move Soil

From or within Quarantined Areas of

Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties

Phone: cell (562) 505-6415 FAX (562)776-1385

E-mail: sonia.oran@cdfa.ca.gov

Permit No. _____ Issuing Agency: City/County _____

Name of Company Requesting Approval: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Excavation Location: _____ TB* _____

_____ Acres: _____

Destination Location: _____ TB* _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CDFA PROGRAM REGULATORY OFFICIAL ONLY:

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: _____ Acres: _____

Date Picked Up: _____ PDR #: _____ Trapped by: _____

Comments: _____

Movement of soil is on Hold for the following reasons:

Name of RIFA Project Regulatory Official: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*TB is Thomas Brothers map page and grid information.

**Please allow 2-4 working days for inspection (Monday-Friday).

California Department of Food and Agriculture – RIFA Program 6819 East Gage Ave., Commerce, CA 90040

RIFA Form CA-1 CV Revised 09/14/2020

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