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## **Dalkeith fruit fly eradication program – check for ID**

The City of Nedlands is calling for residents to be diligent in asking to see official identification before letting people onto their property to assist with Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) eradication or removing fruit.

Nedlands CEO, Mark Goodlet, says eradicating Qfly is a top priority, given the high risk it represents to Western Australia's agricultural sector - and to most gardens in the City of Nedlands.

On April 3, a Quarantine Area was declared for all of Dalkeith and parts of Nedlands and Claremont and a concerted eradication and prevention program is now underway by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

"Every effort should be made to help the government wipe out this pest, however it's also important for residents to take care when allowing people access to their properties," Mr Goodlet said.

**Officers from the DPIRD, who are responsible for contacting and inspecting residences in the City of Nedlands for this program, will be wearing ID badges showing their photograph and details, and driving government vehicles clearly marked with the wording 'DPIRD Pest Surveillance'.**

By now, all residents will have received a 'contact' card in the post setting out the steps in the eradication process including the only effective ways to safely remove or destroy fruit from affected trees.

**If residents are physically unable to remove fruit or prune trees, they are asked to contact DPIRD for advice and assistance. It is important that residents do not accept unsolicited offers to strip fruit without first contacting DPIRD.**

For information on the Queensland fruit fly eradication program see the City of Nedlands [website](#) including a map of the Quarantine Area and contact details for the DPIRD.

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### **About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 22,000 residents.

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