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Dear Neighbor,

As you may have heard in the news, thousands of potted grapevines which are potentially infested with invasive glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) insects were sold at Costco stores in California between April 21 and May 21, 2026. 700 plants were sold in San Joaquin Co. stores alone, and most remain unaccounted for today. This quarantine failure is extremely threatening because the insect spreads a bacterium that causes Pierce's Disease, which kills vineyards.

Quick action to find these plants and inspect them for GWSS egg masses and insects is crucial.



If you or anyone you know purchased a plant from Costco between April 21 and May 21, 2026, immediately call the San Joaquin Co. Ag Commissioner's Office at 209-953-6000 so that they can come and inspect the plant. Costco will issue a refund if needed.

In the meantime, it is best to cover the plant with two trash bags. Do not put the plant in the trash or in a compost pile.

The viability of our agricultural community depends on everyone helping out during this crisis, and you definitely do not want this invasive insect in your backyard!

Learn more at cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/gwss-costco-plants.html.

Thank you,