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# Fruit fly rules in schools

Newsletter content – short

**Packing lunchboxes - fruit fly restriction**

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This means <insert the correct paragraph below>

* **For schools in red outbreak areas:** if you live in a red area, home-grown fruit and vegetable at risk from fruit fly cannot be brought to school. If you live in a yellow or green area, home-grown fruit and vegetables can be brought to school but must not return home. All fruit waste, including fruit not grown at home, must be disposed of at school. <school to insert relevant waste arrangements such as where dedicated fruit bins are located>.
* **For schools in yellow suspension areas:** if you live in a red area, you cannot bring any restricted home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a yellow area, you can bring home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a green area, home-grown fruit and vegetable can be brought to school but must not return home. <school to insert relevant waste arrangements such as where dedicated fruit bins are located>.
* **For schools in green unaffected areas:** if you live in a yellow or red area, you cannot bring restricted home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a green area, it is ok to bring all fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables to school and take anything uneaten back home.

If you’re not sure which colour area you live in, visit the fruit fly website and search your address in the interactive map.

Families can continue to pack lunchboxes with fruit and vegetables purchased from Riverland shops providing it is secured in a lunchbox and the waste is disposed of correctly at school.

Please visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to see what home-grown fruit and vegetables are at risk from fruit fly and are therefore restricted.

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* **For schools in yellow suspension areas:** if you live in a red area, you cannot bring any restricted home-grown fruit and vegetables to school. If you live in a yellow area, you can bring home-grown fruit and vegetables to and from school. If you live in a green area, home-grown fruit and vegetable can be brought to school but must not return home. <school to insert relevant waste arrangements such as where dedicated fruit bins are located>.
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Please follow these steps to safely pack healthy lunchboxes and protect the Riverland from fruit fly:

* Visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to see what colour area you live in
* Understand what home-grown fruit and vegetables are at risk from fruit fly
* Seal purchased fruit in lunchboxes
* Remind your children to leave waste and uneaten fruit and vegetables at school and dispose of it as per our waste advice.

You will be informed when all restrictions have ended. Fruit fly restrictions at our school will help protect the future of home-grown and locally-grown fresh fruit and vegetables. We all need to play our part to protect South Australia from fruit fly.

For more information visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au or call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.