



Taking part in an orchard field day?

On-orchard field days and events are an opportunity to share valuable information; however, they can also lead to the spread of unwanted pests and diseases through the movement of people, machinery, tools and goods. By implementing these simple steps when visiting or hosting an on-orchard event you can help protect kiwifruit orchards, jobs, income, and the community from biosecurity threats.

Top tips for hosts



Lead by example

- Include simple biosecurity messages in publicity material and briefings on the day to share expectations.
- Keep a register of attendees so you know who's coming and can trace back any unwanted pest or disease movements.
- Prevent unwanted pests and diseases from arriving and spreading by ensuring your visitors meet all hygiene requirements.



Keep it clean

- All vehicles, machinery, clothing, footwear and tools that come on to the orchard should be free of soil and plant material.
- Clean and sanitise high-risk items (like footwear) with a footbath or sanitiser spray. Provide hand sanitiser or washing facilities.
- Put up designated parking and biosecurity signage to limit access to your property and remind people of your requirements.



Spot the unusual

- Routinely monitor your vines and fruit, especially high-risk areas where visits take place.
- Take good photos of any disease symptoms. If you find a pest contain it and take a photo. Report anything unusual to KVH on 0800 665 825 or Biosecurity New Zealand on 0800 80 99 66.
- Keep records of everything that comes on to your orchard (e.g. plant material, pollen, people) so all movements can be quickly traced.

Top tips for visitors



Know before you go

- Register in advance or on the day so that you receive biosecurity information and know your host's expectations.



Keep it clean

- Prevent pests and diseases from spreading by cleaning your vehicle and any machinery or tools you might be bringing on to the orchard - any soil or plant material should be removed.
- Footbaths and sanitiser might be available but you're best to make sure your shoes and clothing are clean before you arrive.



Be a good guest

- Follow all biosecurity signage, including parking requirements for designated areas.
- Stay on track - don't wander off into production areas unless you're invited.