



Important Notice About Grape Plants Purchased at Costco

Dear Costco Member,

We are writing to you again because Costco records indicate that you or one of your add-on members, have purchased item #197266 Staked Grape Vine between April 21st, 2026 and May 21st, 2026. It has come to our attention that grape plants purchased at Costco may be infested with the **Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS)**, a quarantine pest that can spread harmful plant diseases, including **Pierce's disease**, which can kill grapevines.



According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the GWSS is an invasive insect that can damage plants in your yard and community. It poses a major threat to California's agriculture, including grapes and other crops. If this pest becomes established in your area, it could have significant impacts on local agriculture and the wine industry.

Please do not plant your recently purchased grapevine if you have not already done so.

Please keep your plant isolated and contained until a county inspector can examine. An agricultural inspector will come to look at the plant and other nearby host plants, free of cost. If inspectors find GWSS on the grapevine, they will safely remove and dispose of the plant.

For further guidance please contact your local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

You can locate your County Agricultural Commissioner's contact information at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/county/documents/countycommissionersealercontactinfo.pdf>

DO NOT RETURN THE PLANT TO COSTCO, instead please present this letter to your local warehouse for receive a full refund.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter. Your support helps safeguard California's agriculture.

For more information regarding the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, please visit:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/Documents/GWSSEnglishBrochure.pdf>