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Recently, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have contacted California Agricultural Commissioners notifying them of unsolicited seeds from China being received by individuals in the mail.

**If residents of Glenn County are a recipient of seeds they did not order, the seed packets should not be opened, shipped, planted, or destroyed.** Please contact the Glenn County Agricultural Department so we may collect the shipment. If the seeds were planted, please contact the Department as well, for additional direction.

“Seeds present a method to spread disease and introduce invasive species into the environment, which can displace or destroy native plants and insects, severely damage crops and poison livestock. The public’s assistance is requested to prevent the introduction of plant diseases or invasive species and safeguard the environment, as well as, Glenn County’s \$729 million dollar agricultural industry,” stated Marcie Skelton, Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner.

<https://plantingseedsblog.cdfa.ca.gov/wordpress/>

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