



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Doug Broxson
District 3

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**Rep. Doug Broxson and UF/IFAS Extension Plan Workshop on Citrus Canker
Tuesday, April 15, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tiger Point Community Center**

MIDWAY – In order to prevent the spread of citrus canker in Santa Rosa County and neighboring areas, Representative Doug Broxson (R–Midway) is hosting a public workshop for residents. Mary Derrick, Residential Horticulture Agent from the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension, will provide information about citrus canker and advice on control options.

Citrus canker is a highly contagious, serious bacterial disease of citrus that has plagued central and south Florida for years. The best indicator of canker is the presence of lesions (diseased spots) on both the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves or fruit. The lesions are raised, have a rough surface, and are usually surrounded by yellow halos. Similar lesions may be present on the stems as well. Citrus canker has not been found in the Panhandle of Florida until the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services recently confirmed fifteen cases in the Santa Rosa Shores area of Gulf Breeze.

Please join us at this free workshop to learn more about how to identify and control the citrus canker disease.

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Tiger Point Community Center
1370 Tiger Park Lane
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

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