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Pea seeds and plants currently unavailable to help stop the spread of **PEA WEEVIL**



PEA SEED



ADULT PEA WEEVIL

- 1. DON'T PLANT PEA SEEDS
- 2. REMOVE AND DESTROY ANY PEA PLANTS
- 3. DON'T TAKE PEA PLANTS/SEEDS OR PEA STRAW OUT OF THE WAIRARAPA

The pea weevil has been detected within the Wairarapa region. This pest has the potential to destroy pea crops, so restrictions are now in place for both commercial and residential pea growers.

THE FACTS

- 1. The Controlled Area includes South Wairarapa, Carterton, Masterton and part of the Tararua district. By not growing peas in this region, we will successfully eradicate the weevil and stop it spreading to other parts of New Zealand.
- 2. The ban will help ensure we successfully interrupt the lifecycle of the weevil. As its larvae only eat young peas, removing all pea plants will kill them off.
- 3. You can still grow sweet pea flowers, beans and alternate green crops.
- 4. You can still consume frozen, fresh, canned and dried peas in commercial packaging.

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