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Recently, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has become aware of a number of reports regarding “mysterious and unsolicited seeds from China”. These seed packages are often labeled as jewelry, being shipped to homeowners throughout the US, including Shasta County. CDFA is communicating with the United States Department of Agriculture to determine any necessary actions for shipments received in California.

In the meantime, the Shasta County Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is instructing residents not to open, plant, or dispose of any unsolicited seed packets received, but to contact them. “Invasive species can devastate the environment, displace or destroy native plants and insects, severely damage crops, and poison livestock. Taking steps to prevent their introduction is the most effective method of reducing both the risk of invasive species infestations and the cost to control and mitigate those infestations,” stated Rick Gurrola, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner.

Unopened seed packets should be held by the resident and contact the SCDA office for pick up, or dropped off at the SCDA office. If you did plant seeds, please contact the Department of Agriculture for additional direction.

The Shasta County Department of Agriculture may be contacted at 3179 Bechelli Ln, Ste. 210, (530) 224-4949.