Recommending a Pesticide

- It is the responsibility of the home gardener to choose the correct pesticide.
- UH Master Gardeners are responsible to help identify the pest or plant in question and inform home gardeners about pesticide labels.
- It is not necessary to recommend a specific product name.

Step 1
Help Home Gardener identify pest & Research Control Measures

- Browse Tropical Topics>Insect Pests located on the left navigation bar on UH Master Gardener Website. Or Frequently Asked Questions also has a list of insect pests and pictures to compare and identify insect samples.
- UH Publications: Browse Tropical Topics located on the left navigation bar on UH Master Gardener Website to find the plant. Once a publication is found on the plant, see publication to share any recommendations for insect or diseases specific to that plant.
- Search UC Davis IPM Website: in Google, type plant + UC Davis IPM; Or insect + UC Davis IPM. Share online resource with home gardener through email or print.

Step 2
Advise Home Gardener about pesticide labels:

“Visit the local garden center of your choice. Read the labels to search for the PLANT (vegetables, fruit trees, or specific tree or shrub) on the label and the INSECT or DISEASE on the label. If the label lists both [the plant name] and [the insect or disease], then it can be used to control your pest. Read the label to understand APPLICATION RATES and SAFETY INFORMATION. On edible crops, pay close attention to CAUTION STATEMENTS and HARVESTABLE DATE.”