



**SAVE OUR ORCHARDS !**



*Left photos:* Small grower (and Board Member) Carol Flaherty in her orchard.  
*Right photos:* Scenes from Manzana Products. Their move to Washington hurts local growers and workers. (Photos from *Press Democrat*)

**Save Our Orchards Now**

We are reaching you today because of the sudden pressure put on our apple

orchards, large and small, as a result of **Manzana's** announcement that they will be shuttering their processing plant and moving to Washington State in 2025. We hope you will engage in one way or another to help our beautiful apple orchards survive.

## Here are some ways you can help now:

- Attend the [Sonoma County Supervisor's meeting](#) on Tuesday, Feb. 27th. Be there by 10 am; questions will be taken around 1:30. We will gather at [Canavari's Delicatessen](#) during lunch break.
- Write, call, or email your County Supervisor to request they do what they can to support our orchards by supporting a local processing facility
- Stay informed about this issue and talk to your friends and neighbors about it
- Let us know if you have an interest in helping our community develop a new plant or buy Manzana's plant, perhaps form a co-op, your ideas are welcome
- If you have an orchard, large or small, know that a group of interested people and organizations are working hard to be sure our apples get processed and our orchards survive

## Have questions or want to comment?

Send to: [applecore@slowfoodrr.org](mailto:applecore@slowfoodrr.org)

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## More info:

- [Manzana Products, Sonoma County's last apple processing plant, moving to Washington state](#) *Sonoma County Gazette*
- [Manzana's news shakes more than apple trees in Graton](#) *Sonoma County Gazette*
- [Manzana Products, Sonoma County's last apple processing plant, moving to Washington state](#) *Press Democrat*
- [Why it's been a tough year for Sonoma County organic apples](#) *Press Democrat*





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