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Online Training Available:

<http://pmu.ifas.ufl.edu/>

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<http://www.eXtension.org/>

School IPM Focus - Getting Ready for Winter!

The holidays are upon us and while our winters are considered mild compared to other parts of the U.S., we still have some preparation that can help prevent pests from becoming infestations over Winter break.

- Seal openings. This will not only keep pests out, but keep heated or cooled air in, saving energy.
- Clear debris resting against or near school buildings, from cardboard boxes to fallen leaves, so that pest harborage is eliminated.
- **Simplify the indoor environment** in order to make inspections and cleaning more efficient as well as eliminate pest harborage.
- Remove trash and tightly seal leftover food after parties to eliminate pest conducive conditions. This is especially important with holiday celebrations in classrooms.
- Inspect
 - Potted plants for cockroaches, wasp nests, and ants before bringing them inside. Thoroughly water the plants, this will help flush out potential invaders.
 - Live Christmas trees for potential pests before bring the tree inside (this can include lizards, frogs, birds, and insects).
 - Your luggage after returning from holiday travels so that **bed bugs are not introduced into your home or to the school.**



Upcoming Training Opportunities

The last course of 2013!

Expert of General Household Pest Management

The Expert of General Household Pest Management is the fourth in the GHP series of PMU offerings. Come and hear Steve Harrison, DACS field inspector for mosquito control and have a one-on-one with DACS Bureau Chief Michael Page. Learn advanced concepts in product selection biology of pests in and around structures. Must advance through GHP Foundations and Masters in order to qualify for GHP Expert.

- Review of major pests covered in GHP Foundations and Masters
- Urticating caterpillars

- Fabric pests
- Mosquito biology and control
- Bird, bats, the diseases they carry and an exclusion exercise
- Bed bugs, advanced concepts
- Spiders
- Product selection based on formulation, mode of action and efficacy
- Exercises in working with DACS and hands-on activities for each pest session
- And more!

Date: Dec 4-6, 2013; W-F

Registration Deadline: Nov 30, 2013; Friday

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Cost: \$350

[Register here](#)

Are you ready for 2014? Termite, GHP and L&O training available!

WDO category

Jan 29-31, 2014, [Termite Foundations](#)

Mar 13-14, 2014, [WDO Inspections and Form 13645](#)

July 30, 2014, [Termite Basics](#)

GHP Category

Feb 26-28, [GHP Foundations](#)

July 31, 2014, [GHP Basics](#)

L&O Category

Next spring enroll in Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf, and take your first steps toward getting a UF Pest Management certificate or becoming LMA certified!

A three credit/12 week course will be offered starting January 2014 at the University of Florida (UF). The course is called "[Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf](#)" and is course number IPM 4254. This course will be offered for UF credit and will be available for students that are enrolled at UF or for people outside UF that are interested in the material. UF will offer the course next spring (2014) and it will be available 100% online. You must have computer and internet access to take this class. This course is for UF juniors and seniors and landscape and pest management supervisors and owners.

This course will be used as a measure for LMA Certification. The LMA will offer students who pass this class (with an A or a B) the opportunity to

become LMA Certified without additional testing since they will be tested as part of the course. This course will also count towards a UF Certificate in Landscape Pest Management.

Learn more about the UF distance program, including costs and how to register: <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/academics/distance/>

To register for this course please complete a Nondegree Registration Request at the following website: <http://www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/eaglec?MDASTRAN=nda-intro>

You will need to fill out some personal information on the form and the following course information:

- Select Year and Term of Registration: 2014 Spring (January)
- College: THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES – Entomology Undergrad Distance Courses
- Course Information: Prefix- IPM. Number- 4254.

If you have trouble filling out this form and registering for the course please contact Ms. Ruth Brumbaugh, Entomology and Nematology Department Student Services Coordinator. *Let Ms. Brumbaugh know you want to register for IPM 4254 as a Nondegree seeking student.* Phone: 352-273-3912 Email: brumbaug@ufl.edu

If you would like more information about the course please contact the course instructor Dr. Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman Phone: (352)273-3950 Email: gillett@ufl.edu

News!



We hope you will submit news items and would be happy to help you write a story if you have an idea but don't have the time to write up the information. We like to share news and video when it happens using our social media outlets- **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **YouTube**. When you send news we will post it on one or more of these sites and again in the monthly newsletter. Feel free to send news or announcements as soon as they happen and we will post them. We hope this will get you more visibility. Please send news items to **Michael Bentley**.

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