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## Online Training Available:

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

## Pest Management in and Around Structures:

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

## School IPM Focus- Spring Classroom Cleaning

Are you ready for students to be on spring break? There is no better time than to do a little spring cleaning. It is no coincidence spring cleaning occurs just as the warm weather starts. We learned long ago that when temperatures rise, so did our pest issues! Any items accumulated over winter months would be purged or properly stored. The act of cleaning and reducing clutter has made an impact on controlling pests such as rodents, cockroaches, and bed bugs!



## Spring Cleaning Tips

- Keep closets and pantries organized. This reduces pest harborage sites.
- Keep items on shelves and off of floors.
- Store snacks or food items in sealable containers, especially macaroni, cereal and other food items that may be used to make art.
- Store paper items in sealable containers. Proper storage prevents insects such as book lice and silverfish from feeding on paper products.
- Limit the use of cardboard boxes for storage. Many insects use these boxes as harborage sites, making it easier for pests to survive in your classrooms or homes!
- Use trashcans or waste baskets with sealable lids. This prevents odors from attracting flying and crawling insects into classrooms or homes in search of food.
- Check faucets and indoor plumbing for leaks or drips annually. Even a slow drip can give enough moisture to attract insects inside!
- Properly maintaining weather stripping around doors and windows ensures insects don't have easy access to your home or classroom by slipping through the cracks. This also helps to reduce energy costs.

## Training Opportunities

### Summary

Click on highlighted course titles for more information or to register.

April 24-26; [Termite Foundations](#)

May 29-31; [GHP Foundations](#)

May 13, 12 week online course; [Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf](#)" toward LMA certification through UF

Jun 14; [Termite Basics](#)

Jun 28; [Bed Bug Management](#)

*Must advance through Foundations to qualify for these courses:*

Oct 16-18; [GHP Masters](#)

Oct 18; 1 pm, GHP state exam (must also meet state requirement)

Nov 13-15; [Termite Masters](#)

Nov 15; Termite and WDO exam (must also meet state requirement)

*Must advance through Foundations and Masters for qualify for this course:*

Dec 4-6; GHP Expert

## **APRIL OFFERING**

### **Foundations of Termite Management 101**

Learn how termites exploit over 50 building construction elements and how to treat them in a hands-on environment in 2-days instead of 2 years.

- Practice doing a DACS vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS before a crisis occurs.
- Hear about the top 10 reasons technicians get in trouble and how to avoid them from Mark Ruff, industry attorney.
- Get more in-depth information on termite biology and behavior as well as product label navigation. Class duration: 2.5 days.

**Date: April 24-26, 2013; W-F**

**Registration deadline: April 19, Friday**

**Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC**

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

**Cost: \$350**

[Register here](#)

## **MAY OFFERINGS**

### **Foundations of General Household Pest Management 101**

Pest control matters. Cockroach allergen mitigation can be achieved with IPM. Class duration: 2.5 days.

- Study domestic and peridomestic cockroach species and how to control them as well as rodent, small fly, filth fly, fire ant and nuisance ant management.

- Review the labels of commonly used GHP products, practice pest inspections at PMU's house and develop treatment strategies focused on IPM.
- Do a vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS.

**Date: May 29-31, 2013; W-F**

**Registration Deadline: May 24, Friday**

**Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC**

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

**Cost: \$350**

[Register here](#)

## New Course Offered Through UF!

### Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf

Starting May 2013, take your first steps toward getting a certificate or becoming LMA certified! A new three credit course will be offered starting May 2013 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 this summer (2013) 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 Non-degree 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: 2013 Summer A/C (May)
- 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. Phone: 352-273-3912 Email: [brumbaugh@ufl.edu](mailto:brumbaugh@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](mailto:gillett@ufl.edu) . She cannot help you with registration and will forward all registration requests to Ms. Brumbaugh.

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## 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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