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School IPM Focus-What do the FCAT and Earth Day have in common?

IPM! In Florida April is not just Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) month it is the month in which Earth Day is celebrated, usually April 22. The FCAT holds great importance in Florida because student test performance is linked to school funding. Both teachers and students cannot afford any distractions during this time, especially distractions from pests. Diseases such as asthma are linked to [cockroach allergens](#), resulting in lost days at school and lost days at work for parents who must care for sick children. Pest control matters!

How is Earth Day related to IPM? The goal of IPM in Florida Schools is to balance the risk of pests and pesticides with regard for human health and the environment. Of late, many Earth Day activities have focused on climate change. However, [Earth Day has its roots with the inception of the Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) in 1970](#) and concerns of toxic waste polluting the environment.

There are many [Earth Day activities](#) planned in Florida. Several activities focus on IPM. Many [teacher resources and lesson plans](#) have been developed that you may want to share.

How about activities for IPM implementers? Can't get to a hands-on training at PMU? Check out our online offerings, including the [ABCs of IPM](#), ideal as a refresher or beginning IPM technician, custodial staff or kitchen staff, good for 2 core CEUs and only \$20.00. This training is also available in Spanish.

Training Opportunities

Summary

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

Apr 24-26; [Termite Foundations](#), **only 5 slots remaining**

May 29-31; [GHP Foundations](#), **recommended for IPM implementers**

May; [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 (or until full; only 6 slots left)

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 .

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 . She cannot help you with registration and will forward all registration requests to Ms. Brumbaugh.

JUNE OFFERING

Bed Bug Management 102

This intensive course in bed bug management covers non-chemical and chemical methods of control, including a brief overview of fumigation. Learn about bed bug biology and behavior in relation to resistance management. Practice inspection techniques at PMU's house and observe a canine inspection.

Date: June 28, 2013; Friday

Registration Deadline: June 21, Friday

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM

Cost: \$150

[Register here](#)

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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