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School IPM Focus - Summer Building Preparation

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With summer break upon us, many schools are preparing for reduced building traffic in classrooms, offices, and food preparation areas. As discussed in last month's [newsletter](#), undisturbed buildings can provide a perfect location where pest issues can develop unnoticed. A great way to combat pest issues over the summer is to thoroughly inspect buildings before summer break begins and remove unnecessary papers, cardboard boxes and other items where pests can live and breed. Last month we covered addressing interior building issues, focusing on food preparation areas. This month we continue our attention on interior inspections, highlighting inspections for classrooms and offices. Next month we will shift our focus to exterior inspections for your school.

Interior Building Inspection: Classrooms and Offices



Snacks, sugary drinks, and other food items that can attract pests are often kept in classrooms or offices throughout the school year. Clutter resulting from unwanted papers and unclaimed school projects can also increase pest issues by provide harborage for pests. These concerns increase the need for sanitation as schools

prepare for summer. Here are some tips on what to address when inspecting classrooms and offices.

- Thoroughly wipe down all work surfaces to remove food residue which may attract pests.
- Store food items in air-tight sealed containers.
- Remove waste which may contain disposed food items.
- Store supplies in sealed containers, limiting the use of cardboard boxes.
- Keep closets and pantries organized by storing items on shelves and off of the floor.
- Report any evidence of pest activity (droppings, damage to goods, dead insects).
- Know the location of your pest-log to report pest-related issues. Does your school have one and do you know where it is? If your school does not have a pest log, work with administration to create one and an accompanying procedure to report pests

before they become serious infestations.

We Need Your Ticks!

If you have more than 5 raisin-size, blood-fed female brown dog ticks, (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*) we want them!

If you have ticks for us, please contact Dr. Phillip E. Kaufman
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Or Lois Wood (lawood@ufl.edu, 352-273-3981) for more information.



Fig. 1. Engorged female brown dog tick, about the size of a raisin

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Upcoming Training Opportunities:

If you plan on taking the [State Certified Operator examination](#) through PMU, please submit your applications by:

July 1 for the Oct 17 PMU [State Exam](#) for Termite and WDO

(Write “**PMU NOV WDO**” on the top line of the state application)

July 1 for the Nov 7 PMU [State Exam](#) for GHP

(Write “**PMU OCT GHP**” on the top line of the state application)

Must have taken both Foundations and Masters through PMU to qualify for these PMU state exam seatings.

June Offerings

Foundations of Termite Management

Date: June 18-20, 2014 (**Course full. Next course Sept 17-19.**)

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

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd, Apopka, FL 32703-8504

Registration fee: \$375

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.

[Register here](#)

July Offerings

Termite Basics 100

Date: July 30, 2014

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W)

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd, Apopka, FL 32703-8504

Registration fee: \$175

This one-day class is good fit for school personnel who need to understand the basics of recognizing termite activity, where to look for them and what to do about them. Will help fulfill 40 hour training requirement for new ID card holders.

- Learn about the general Florida Statute 482 requirements for technicians and sales staff.
- Be introduced to basic termite biology and behavior in the context of structural infestations.
- Learn to determine different slab types in the field and the common ways termites enter structures
- Practice basic methods for treatment

[Register here](#)

General Household Pests Basics 100

Date: July 31, 2014

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (TH)

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd, Apopka, FL 32703-8504

Registration fee: \$175

This one-day class a good fit for school personnel who need to understand the basics of common pests such as cockroaches, ants and bed bugs. Will help fulfill 40 hour training requirement for new ID card holders.

- Learn about the general Florida Statute 482 requirements for technicians and sales.
- Learn the basics concepts Integrated Pest Management.
- Learn how to monitor and make decisions about treatment.

[Register here](#)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

PMU Courses

WDO category

Sept 17-19, 2014, [Termite Foundations](#)

Oct 15-17, 2014, [Termite Masters](#), **must** have taken Foundations

Dec 3-5, 2014, [Termite Expert](#), **must** have taken Foundations and Masters

GHP Category

Oct 1-3, 2014, [GHP Foundations](#)

Nov 5-7, 2014, [GHP Masters](#), **must** have taken Foundations

L&O Category

Please contact Dr. Eileen Buss (eabuss@ufl.edu, (352) 273-3976) directly with questions concerning these courses.

Sept 24-26, 2014, [Turf Foundations](#). Doing turf work? This is a must have course.

Click on links for course descriptions or go to <http://pmu.ifas.ufl.edu/courses> for more information

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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