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### **Urban Landscape Pest Management Workshop - September 7, 2016**

A Commercial Applicator recertification conference will be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210. Five hours of recertification credit will be available in categories 3a (aquatic), 4a (Forest Pest), 5 (Industrial Vegetation), 6a (Ornamental Pest), 6c (Ornamental Weed), 8 (Turf), and core will be offered. Preregistration is required. Register online at [pested.osu.edu](http://pested.osu.edu) or by calling the registration company at (740) 524-4123. For conference information see [pested.osu.edu](http://pested.osu.edu) or call the Pesticide Safety Education Program at (614) 292-4070.

### **Opportunity for farmers to dispose of pesticides**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will accept unwanted pesticides at these locations and times. Only farm chemicals will be accepted. Paint, antifreeze, solvents, and household or non-farm pesticides will not be accepted. To pre-register, or for more information, contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 614-728-6987.

#### **Aug. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Fairgrounds**

14134 County Road 140

Kenton, OH 43326

#### **Aug. 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Miami County Fairgrounds**

650 North County Road 25-A

Troy, OH 45373

#### **Aug. 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds**

335 Old National Road

Old Washington, OH 43768

#### **Aug. 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Huron County Fairgrounds**

940 Fair Road

Norwalk, OH 44857

### **EPA-Approved Revised Worker Protection Standard training materials available online**

The EPA has contracted with the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) to develop training materials for workers and handlers as well as other educational materials. PERC has announced that the first EPA-approved worker training videos consistent with new regulations are now available. You may download free-of-charge English and Spanish versions of the video and other information on revised WPS

at <http://pesticideresources.org>. You also may subscribe to email updates on new WPS resources as they become available at <http://pesticideresources.org/lists.html>.

The WPS employer compliance manual will be a critical tool for agricultural employers to institute the new requirements; the manual is expected to be released this fall in advance of the first compliance deadline (January 2, 2017) for most new WPS requirements. Worker and handler training manuals are expected to be released later in 2017 in advance of final, January 1, 2018 compliance deadline. These items are not required until the final deadline: compliance with new training content, new information display content, and handler responsibilities with respect to the Application Exclusion Zone.

### **The EPA proposes further restrictions on Paraquat to prevent accidental poisoning**

Paraquat dichloride is a highly toxic pesticide used as a crop defoliant and for weed control in agriculture and non-crop areas. Since 2000 there have been 17 deaths associated with paraquat being illegally transferred to beverage containers and consumed. One to two teaspoons can be lethal if ingested and there is no known antidote. To prevent accidental consumption, the EPA is proposing new closed-system packaging, special training for certified applicators, and label changes to highlight the products' toxicity. To reduce exposure to applicators, the proposals include restricting use to licensed pesticide applicators (no direct supervision allowed) and prohibiting application with hand-held or backpack equipment. A public comment period ended in May. Comments emphasized the importance of paraquat in controlling resistant weeds in agriculture. Action on the proposal is expected later this year.

### **Scotts announces that neonicotinoids will be dropped from Ortho products**

The Ortho retail product line will entirely eliminate this class of chemistry by next year in response to concerns about effects on pollinators. Neonicotinoid insecticides are a highly effective group of insecticides with systemic action. The updated Ortho line will not offer a systemic product. The action satisfies environmental groups but disappoints advocates of effective chemical controls who point to the lack of definitive scientific evidence to support wholesale ban. The EPA is currently reassessing the neonicotinoid class of insecticides.

### **Upcoming Events**

More information about the following events is at: <http://pested.osu.edu>

#### **Urban Landscape Pest Management Workshop – Recertification Opportunity**

September 7, 2016 (Wednesday) – Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus, Ohio  
Categories offered: Core, 3a-Aquatic Pest, 4a-Forestry, 5-Industrial Vegetation, 6a-Ornamental Pest, 6c-Ornamental Weed, 8-Turf

#### **Pesticide Safety Training – Commercial New Applicators & Trained Servicepersons**

August 24, 2016 (Wednesday)

September 28, 2016 (Wednesday)

Core and Trained Serviceperson trainings are held in the morning, and Categories 8, 5, 2c, and 6c in the afternoon.

#### **Wood Destroying Insect Inspection**

October 5, 2016 (Wednesday)

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