Lawn and ornamental pest control represents a very large portion of urban pesticide use. As urban areas continue to expand and homeowners continue to desire attractive lawns and landscapes, the use of pesticides to control plant pests has continued to grow. The use of pesticides to control insects and diseases in home and other landscapes is a serious business, one that requires a wide knowledge of the pests as well as some understanding of pesticides and their proper use.

This 8 hour course is designed to satisfy the SPCS Apprentice Training Requirements as specified in Section 7.133 (h) (2) “8 hours of classroom training in each category in which the Apprentice is to provide pest control services”. The $100.00 course can also be taken by other SPCS applicators to increase their knowledge in the subject area.

Lawn & Ornamental Structural Category Training

Pest Category Training

This 8 hour course is designed to satisfy the Apprentice Training Requirements as specified in Section 7.133 (h) (2) “8 hours of classroom training in each category in which the Apprentice is to provide pest control services”. In addition, the course can be used to prepare for the Structural Pest Control Pest category examination. The $130 course includes the required category training manual (B-5074), a $35 value, and online instruction. The manual will be mailed separately, please call Karen Coleman at 979-845-1099 with a physical shipping address when you register for this course.

The Available Dates for 2015 are:

Houston - 3033 Bear Creek Dr.
March 25, 2015
July 22, 2015
October 27, 2015

To register for these courses, go to https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/pesticide. Once you have registered for the course, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Conference Services will email you a confirmation of your registration, a receipt and the course enrollment key. For questions regarding the course Lawn & Ornamental training, please contact Dr. Mark A. Matocha at 979-845-1099 or by email at mmatocha@ag.tamu.edu, for Pest Category or Termite Category, please contact Dr. Janis Reed at 979-845-1099 or by email at jjreed@ag.tamu.edu. The course(s) will be delivered through The Extension Online Campus located at http://campus.extension.org. Students will need to create an account at http://campus.extension.org/login/signup.php before class begins.

Please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture Structural Pest Control Service at (512) 305-8250 or (866) 918-4481 to begin your exam registration. Applicants must be pre-qualified by TDA prior to registering to take examinations with PSI Services.

Vegetation Management Category Training

This 8 hour course is designed for vegetation managers, road and bridge maintenance personnel, and others involved in Right of Way vegetation management and will prepare individuals for the Texas Department of Agriculture Vegetation Management, General, and Laws and Regulations examinations.

Registration is $170.00 per person (Fee includes the required category training manual (B-5068) the general manual (B-5073) and the Laws and Regulations manual (B-5056), an $80 value, and instruction from experienced Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service trainer, Dr. Mark A. Matocha.

Register online at https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/pesticide or call (979) 845-2604.

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October 27, 2015

Pest Category Training

This newly updated 8 hour course is designed to satisfy the Apprentice Training Requirements as specified in Section 7.133 (h) (2) “8 hours of classroom training in each category in which the Apprentice is to provide pest control services”. In addition, the course can be used to prepare for the Structural Pest Control Termite category examination.

The $150 course includes the required category training manual (B-5075), a $25 value, and online instruction. The manual will be mailed separately, please call Karen Coleman at 979-845-1099 with a physical shipping address when you register for this course.

Termite Category Training

This newly updated 8 hour course is designed to satisfy the Apprentice Training Requirements as specified in Section 7.133 (h) (2) “8 hours of classroom training in each category in which the Apprentice is to provide pest control services”. In addition, the course can be used to prepare for the Structural Pest Control Termite category examination.

The $150 course includes the required category training manual (B-5075), a $25 value, and online instruction. The manual will be mailed separately, please call Karen Coleman at 979-845-1099 with a physical shipping address when you register for this course.