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CLASSES & TRAINING

IPM Refresher Seminar
For custodial and maintenance personnel

October 9, 2018
8.00 am — 12.30 pm

Location:
Maricopa High School
45012 W Honeycutt Ave
Maricopa, AZ 85139

Register [here](#).

SUGGESTIONS?

Your feedback and ideas are welcome. If you have a suggestion for a PCO Press topic, please submit to:

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July Gopher Control Training

The Pesticide Control Office, along with Target Specialty Products, hosted a specialized training in July for Community Applicators who routinely apply pesticides in the course of their job responsibilities. The training focused on gopher and ground squirrel treatment techniques and control methods.



While gophers and ground squirrels are not always a nuisance in most areas, they can present a real problem for the Community's staff who maintain the grounds for public areas, especially recreational fields, such as ballfields. Gophers and ground squirrels dig holes and tunnel systems underground that have the potential to lead to serious injury for people using recreational fields.



The four-hour training informed the applicators on gopher and ground squirrel biology, baiting and trapping techniques, and other innovative methods for control.

The Pesticide Control Office will continue to coordinate specialized trainings for Community Applicators and Community members as new areas of interest are identified.

Updates to Dicamba Labels

Certain dicamba formulations can be used to control weeds in cotton and soybean plants that are genetically engineered to resist dicamba. In response to the unacceptably high number of reports of crop damage related to the use of dicamba in 2017, the EPA, in cooperation with state lead agencies and registrants, implemented changes to dicamba products registered for over-the-top application to dicamba-tolerant soybean and cotton.



These changes include a requirement for applicators to be trained specifically for application of these products to ensure better label compliance and stewardship. Product-specific training must be completed prior to applying in 2018.

[Read more here](#)

Pollinator Update

Honey bees are a critical link in agricultural production. Pollination by managed honey bee colonies adds at least \$15 billion to the value of U.S. agriculture annually through increased yields and superior-quality harvests.



As an Arizona tribe with deep roots in agriculture, bees and pollinators in general play an integral part in the Community's economic and cultural welfare. On October 2, 1985, the Community adopted a Beehives Ordinance, codified at Gila River Indian Community Code, Title 16, Chapter 11, with the intent to regulate managed beekeeping operations within the Community. As this legislation is over 30 years old, it is important to ensure that it remains applicable, culturally relevant, functional, enforceable and meets the needs of the Community.

Therefore, the Department of Environmental Quality desires to amend Title 16, Chapter 11 by repealing the 1985 Beehives Ordinance and enacting the Apiary Registration Code.

Currently, the draft Apiary Registration Code is available for the public to review and provide their comments to the PCO. Click [here](#) to view the draft Apiary Registration Code.