



Pesticide Control Office

Things to Ask When Hiring a Pest Control Company

Pesticide related activities within the Gila River Indian Community are regulated by the DEQ Pesticide Control Office (PCO). Each pest control company applying pesticides must be permitted by the PCO.

When looking to hire a pest control company, ask them some general questions to determine if they are the right company for you:

- ***Do you have a Pesticide Use Permit from the PCO?***
(Company can contact PCO for information on obtaining a permit, or you may ask for a current listing of permitted pest control companies.)
- ***Are your applicators certified to apply pesticides?***
- ***Where will pesticides be applied? Inside or outside?*** (Precautions required to allow pesticides to dry before children and pets can enter sprayed/treated areas.)
- ***What types of pesticides are used?***
- ***Do you follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program?***



What to Know About Pest Control

- ***What is a Pest?*** Any insect, animal, or plant that are harmful or a nuisance to humans, crops, or livestock.
- ***What is a pesticide?*** A chemical substance that is meant to kill or repel a pest. Types of pesticides include:
 - ◆ Insecticides – insects;
 - ◆ Herbicides – plants (weeds);
 - ◆ Rodenticides – rodents (rats & mice);
 - ◆ Bactericides – bacteria;
 - ◆ Fungicides – fungi;
 - ◆ Larvicides – larvae (mosquitoes).

Contact the **Pesticide Control Office** at **(520)562-2234**

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