PMU Focus - Winterize Your Home

We are taking a temporary break from our series on insecticides and how they work to be thankful for a wonderful year as we start to close 2013. Just a few tips for winterizing your home:

- Seal openings which will not only keep pests out, but keep conditioned air in, saving energy.
- Clear debris resting against or near the house, including fire wood and fallen leaves so that pest harborage is eliminated.
- Simplify the indoor environment in order to make inspections and cleaning more efficient as well as eliminate pest harborage.
- Remove trash and tightly seal food after parties to eliminate pest conducive conditions.
- Inspect
  - Potted plants for cockroaches and ants before bringing them inside. Thoroughly water the plants will help flush out potential invaders.
  - Live Christmas trees for potential pests before bring the tree inside.
  - Your luggage after returning from holiday travels so that bed bugs are not introduced into your home.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

The last course of 2013!

Expert of General Household Pest Management

The Expert of General Household Pest Management is the fourth in the GHP series of PMU offerings. Come and hear Steve Harrison, DACS field inspector for mosquito control and have a one-on-one with DACS Bureau Chief Michael Page. Learn
advanced concepts in product selection biology of pests in and around structures. Must advance through GHP Foundations and Masters in order to qualify for GHP Expert.

- Review of major pests covered in GHP Foundations and Masters
- Urticating caterpillars
- Fabric pests
- Mosquito biology and control
- Bird, bats, the diseases they carry and an exclusion exercise
- Bed bugs, advanced concepts
- Spiders
- Product selection based on formulation, mode of action and efficacy
- Exercises in working with DACS and hands-on activities for each pest session.
- And more!

**Date:** Dec 4-6, 2013; W-F

**Registration Deadline:** Nov 30, 2013; Friday

**Place:** UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

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

**Cost:** $350

[Register here](#)

### Are ready for 2014? Termite, GHP and L&O training available!

**WDO category**

- Jan 29-31, 2014, [Termite Foundations](#)
- Mar 13-14, 2014, [WDO Inspections and Form 13645](#)
- July 30, 2014, [Termite Basics](#)

**GHP Category**

- Feb 26-28, [GHP Foundations](#)
- July 31, 2014, [GHP Basics](#)

**L&O Category**

Next spring enroll in Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf, and take your first steps toward getting a UF Pest Management certificate or becoming LMA certified!
A three credit/12 week course will be offered starting January 2014 at the University of Florida (UF). The course is called "Landscape IPM: Ornaments and Turf" and is course number IPM 4254. This course will be offered for UF credit and will be available for students that are enrolled at UF or for people outside UF that are interested in the material. UF will offer the course next spring (2014) and it will be available 100% online. You must have computer and internet access to take this class. This course is for UF juniors and seniors and landscape and pest management supervisors and owners.

This course will be used as a measure for LMA Certification. The LMA will offer students who pass this class (with an A or a B) the opportunity to become LMA Certified without additional testing since they will be tested as part of the course. This course will also count towards a UF Certificate in Landscape Pest Management.

Learn more about the UF distance program, including costs and how to register- http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/academics/distance/

To register for this course please complete a Nondegree Registration Request at the following website: http://www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/eaglec?MDASTRAN=nda-intro

You will need to fill out some personal information on the form and the following course information:

- Select Year and Term of Registration: 2014 Spring (January)
- College: THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES – Entomology Undergrad Distance Courses
- Course Information: Prefix- IPM. Number- 4254.

If you have trouble filling out this form and registering for the course please contact Ms. Ruth Brumbaugh, Entomology and Nematology Department Student Services Coordinator. Phone: 352-273-3912 Email: brumbaug@ufl.edu.

If you would like more information about the course please contact the course instructor Dr. Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman Phone: (352)273-3950 Email: gillett@ufl.edu. She cannot help you with registration and will forward all registration requests to Ms. Brumbaugh.

Learn more from IFAS
UF/IFAS has Extension Offices in each Florida’s sixty-seven counties. We also twelve Research and Education Center and Research and Demonstration Sites (RDSs).

If you need help a great place to start local County Extension Office. With an located in every county it has never be easier to partner with the University of and your local County Government. To office near you please visit: http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map