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Special Announcements

Register Today - 2023 Spring Conference



Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for the IPCA 2023 Spring Conference on **March 28-29, 2023**, at the *Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Conference Center* in Crystal Lake, IL. We look forward to many great educational sessions and lots of opportunities to meet with vendors and learn about new products.

Credits applied for in IL, IN, KY, and MI.

Register Today!

IDPH Exam Prep Course

SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS PREP COURSE

This course is designed and led by Dr. Curt Colwell, retired Entomologist with the IDPH Division of Environmental Health. Armed with decades of exam experience and industry knowledge, Dr. Colwell has carefully designed this prep class to review the critical subject areas you need to know to pass the exam. Additionally, attendees can expect to complete a pre- and post-assessment practice test to help you identify strengths and weaknesses in your scope of subject matter knowledge. The registration fee for this class is \$65 for IPCA members, and \$95 for nonmembers. This class will be capped at 50 people.

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Welcome New IPCA Members!

- The Pest Rx, LLC of Fairview Heights, IL

Illinois Policy Update

Last year, Section 13.4 of the Illinois Pesticide Act was passed into law, which provides increased requirements for making barrier mosquitocide applications to residential properties. Barrier mosquitocides treatments are applied with the purpose of leaving a residual coating on both natural and manmade surfaces. The new requirements include:

- Commercial Applicators are not allowed to make this type of application between October 16th and April 14th.
- No Commercial Applicator shall apply barrier mosquitocides when wind speeds are greater than or equal to 10 mph (which is required by the label).
- Commercial Applicators must place a lawn marker immediately following these applications at the usual point or points of entry for residential properties.
- Homeowners whose property abuts or is adjacent to the property of a customer of a commercial applicator, may request prior notification of residential applications.
- Residential automatic pesticide misting systems are prohibited from use and installation.

- No Commercial Applicator is allowed to make a barrier mosquitocide application to a residence without completing the barrier mosquitocide training program approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Online training should be available soon and is being provided by the University of Illinois Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). However, there is also the option of in-person training that will qualify as compliance for the current training requirements. These sessions are limited because there are only a small number of training venues offered at pesticide applicator workshops.

For more information, or to register for these training courses, please refer to this [link](#).

2023 Calendar of Events

The **Illinois Pest Control Association** is excited to announce the **2023 calendar of events**. Get ready for another busy year of in person *and* virtual events. Start planning what your 2023 will look like by [checking our website](#) for our 2023 event calendar.

In the News

How Can Insects Prevent Autonomous Vehicles from Crashing?

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Flies, locusts, and even swarming ants could offer car-makers clues on how to prevent autonomous vehicles from crashing. [Read more](#).

Gene Drives Could Fight Malaria and Other Global Killers but Might Have Unintended Consequences

Scientific American

A new technology could wipe out whole species. Is it a magic bullet or a genetic atom bomb? [Read more](#).

Business & Management

State of the States

PestWorld Magazine

To best understand what our industry is up against, it's important to look at the state of states over the past 12 months as we prepare for a busy legislative cycle. Here's a look at 2022 state legislative trends and what we can anticipate in 2023. [Learn more.](#)

Building A Remote Work Culture, Even When You're Wary

Chief Executive

When a company with a high-performance culture goes remote, will teams lose their collective drive toward greatness? [Learn more.](#)

Member Center

NPMA Efforts and Next Steps as the EPA's Rodenticides PIDs Comments Close

Over the past few months, NPMA staff have been thoroughly reviewing the Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) on Rodenticides from the U.S. EPA that were released in November of 2022. We have provided a comprehensive analysis to our membership, and we have formulated and submitted comments that highlight the impacts that the PIDs would have on our industry. In December, NPMA staff requested an extension to the public comment period; however, our request was eventually denied by the Agency. In the few short months we had, NPMA created a process for our members to submit comments within the 75-day comment period. NPMA distributed resources for state associations to submit public comments that emphasize the unique impacts the PIDs will have on member companies in their respective states, including a set of industry talking points and a template for state associations to structure their comments. NPMA also offered our support in drafting and submitting comments to any of the state associations. Comments were due on February 13th, and NPMA would like to thank everyone who weighed in during the public comment period!

Pi Chi Omega Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications

Pi Chi Omega, the national fraternity for pest control professionals, is looking for qualified applicants for our 6 scholarships! We have been awarding scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in urban and industrial pest management since 1976. To date, more than \$240,000 in scholarship support has been provided to more than 140 students. Many of the students that have enjoyed Pi Chi Omega scholarships have become Industry icons, like Bobby Corrigan, who was the very first recipient.

The purpose of the scholarships is to bring young scientifically focused people into our Industry, and it has worked! The impact of the students supported by Pi chi Omega over these 46 years has flooded our Industry with knowledge and passion that have made a lasting impact on how our Industry addresses the challenges of pest management.

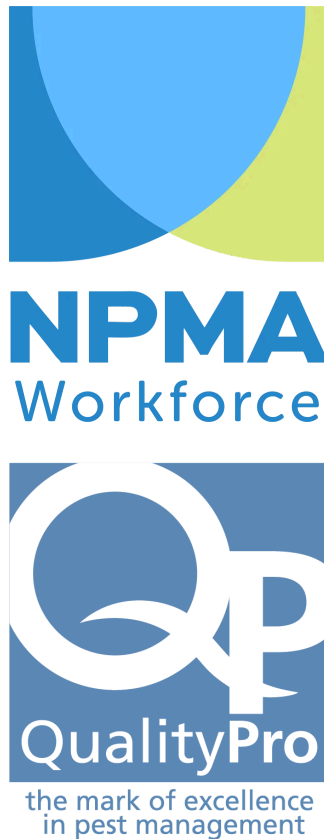
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Why Workforce Development?

Did you know? NPMA member companies located in the U.S. and Canada receive one free 60-day job posting on the industry-exclusive job board at [Careers.PestControlJobs.com](https://careers.pestcontroljobs.com). You can also access the Workforce Toolkit at [NPMAWorkforce.org](https://npma.org/workforce) using your member credentials.

Within the Toolkit, you will be able to easily download a variety of assets including sample job descriptions, customizable recruitment brochures, website badges, and more.

Learn more [here!](#)



Strengthen the Industry with QualityPro's Help

Learn how to use the resources available to you through QualityProTools.org to cobrand with QualityPro and show companies like yours how they can help us [professionalize the industry](#).

Events

Register Today – Legislative Day 2023



Unite with us in DC for a program filled with exciting keynotes, panel presentations, and sessions covering the latest policy issues, industry data, and challenges facing the pest management industry, including workforce development.

Program highlights include:

- The Kids Program - a special two-day program designed just for them on Wednesday, March 22 and Friday, March 25
- In-person Hill visits – Thursday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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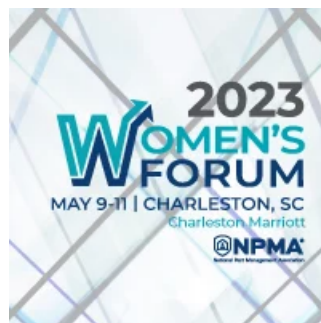
Register Today for the Safety Summit!

The Safety Summit brings together industry experts with businesses of all sizes to discuss safety and risk management within the pest management industry. Topics covered will include employee protection and worksite safety, safe driving, pesticide usage, and how to implement a safety program in your own organization. Increase quality and decrease risk within your business by attending this program.



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Register Today for the Women's Forum!



Inspire. Empower. Engage.

The Women's Forum is an opportunity for women and men throughout the pest management industry to create an inclusive environment for all members of their team. During this engaging program, participants will attend sessions on inspiring and impactful leadership, network during interactive workshops and breakout sessions, hear from groundbreaking keynote speakers, and celebrate women across the industry.

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Register Today for PestWorld 2023!

Attending PestWorld is about creating possibilities- possibilities to expand your business, grow your career and network, support your customers, and engage in the pest management industry. PestWorld 2023 brings individuals from every facet of the pest management industry from around the globe to share their knowledge, hear different perspectives on business trends, learn the latest technical research, and form lasting bonds within the industry. Join us this year in Honolulu, HI as we come together to connect with one another, be inspired, and learn. Book your hotel stay today!



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