President’s Message

Hello CPCA Members.

I would like to begin by introducing myself as the new Colorado Pest Control Association President. I started out in the pest control industry in 1981 as a pest professional (technicians as we were known back then) and worked my way up in the positions of Service Manager, Quality Assurance Manager, and finally my current position with Terminix International as a Technical Specialist.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Spring Conference. It was a great success, with over 150 attendees this spring conference was one of the most well attended in recent memory. I would like to thank Dale Nesbit and Lee Kreidler from our education committee on all their hard work in securing our speakers such as Dr. Roger Gold, Ed Bredemeyer, and Dr. Richard Kramer. I would like to recognize Randy Dodrill who played an instrumental role in securing the hotel and arranging all the vendors. I would also like to give a shout out for all of those that participated in the Bob Hand Scholarship Raffle. This is a great cause and we raised more money this year than in any of the previous raffles.

This year we have formed three new committees: our Legislative Committee that will build relationships with local, state, and federal representatives; our Communication Committee who will work on improving communication to our members; and our Conference Committee who will work on acquiring the hotel and food accommodations for the Spring and Fall Conferences. We have also formed a Leadership Group whose purpose is to brainstorm and find improved ways of developing relations within our membership, ways we can give back to the community, and ways to use the local media to promote our industry.

We are in the process of developing the schedule and agenda for the Fall Conference and will communicate that with you soon.

I take the President position seriously and welcome any comments or suggestions. I look forward to the coming year and all the ways we can promote our industry.

Sincerely,
Roger Bradley

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New Book Featured at the Bugstore

The Wildlife Damage Inspection Handbook
by Stephen M. Vantassel

Written for property managers, inspectors, pest and wildlife control professionals, Stephen has thoroughly revised and expanded this edition to provide more detailed information on wildlife and their damage. The book contains 180 letter-sized pages and is accented by more than 300 full-color photographs, along with drawings and black and white images.


Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule Enforcement Action

NPMA reminds members that EPA’s Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule requires that persons performing common renovation activities like renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools be certified by EPA and that they use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers to follow lead-safe work practices.

EPA recently announced fines against companies that have not complied with the regulation.

To see the press release, visit http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/1146E74C2C12B0F8852579D70069ADCC.

For more information, visit http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm.

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EPA Denies Petition to Cancel Registrations of 2,4-D Herbicides

In a petition filed on November 6, 2008, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) requested that EPA cancel all product registrations and revoke all tolerances (legal residue limits in food) for the pesticide 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, or 2,4-D. After considering public comment received on the petition and all the available studies, EPA is denying the request to revoke all tolerances and the request to cancel all registrations.

By way of background, in 2005, as part of the regulatory process to ensure pesticides meet current regulatory standards, EPA completed a review on the registration and on the safety of the tolerances for 2,4-D. EPA determined that all products containing 2,4-D are eligible for reregistration, provided certain changes were incorporated into the labels and additional data were generated and submitted to the EPA for review.

During the recent review of the petition from NRDC to revoke the tolerances, EPA evaluated all the data cited by NRDC and new studies submitted to EPA in response to the reregistration decision. Included in the new studies is a state-of-the-science extended one-generation reproduction study. That study provides an in-depth examination of 2,4-D’s potential for endocrine disruptor, neurotoxic, and immunotoxic effects. This study and EPA’s comprehensive review confirmed EPA’s previous finding that the 2,4-D tolerances are safe.

EPA also carefully reviewed NRDC’s request that the Agency cancel all 2,4-D product registrations. Based on studies addressing endocrine effects on wildlife species and the adequacy of personal protective equipment for workers, the Agency concluded that the science behind our current ecological and worker risk assessments for 2,4-D is sound and there is no basis to change the registrations.

2,4-D is a phenoxy herbicide and plant growth regulator that has been used in the U.S. since the 1940s. It is currently found in approximately 600 products registered for agricultural, residential, industrial, and aquatic uses. There are 85 tolerances for 2,4-D. EPA published the NRDC petition for public comment on December 24, 2008.

Below are EPA documents responding to NRDC’s petition on 2,4-D including a pre-publication copy of the agency’s Federal Register Order. These documents are also available on EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/pesticides. When the Federal Register document is published in mid-April, it will be available with the related documents in docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0877 at www.regulations.gov. A 60-day period for filing objections and requests for a hearing on the Order runs from the date of publication in the Federal Register.
Colorado Pest Control Association  
Bob Hand Scholarship Application  

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES  
POSTMARK DEADLINE June 1, 2012  

APPLICANT INFORMATION  

Last Name ____________________________________________  First _________________________  Middle Initial _______

Permanent Home Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________________________________  Apartment# ________

City __________________________ State __________________________  Zip Code __________

Telephone ( _______ ) __________________________________________________  E-mail Address ________________________________________________

Social Security Number __________________________ Date of Birth: Month ___________ Day ___________ Year __________

Have you ever been suspended from school/college for disciplinary reasons? Yes □  No □  
Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony? Yes □  No □

If you have answered Yes to either question, include explanation in “Remarks” section at the bottom of this page.

EMPLOYEE PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION  

Last Name ____________________________________________  First _________________________  Middle Initial _______

Address _______________________________________  Home Telephone ( _______ )  __________________________________________

City, State & Zip ________________________________________________________  E-mail Address ________________________________________________

Employer _____________________________________________________________ Phone ( _______ ) __________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Number of years with present employer _____________Position ___________________________

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION  

School Name ____________________________________________  High School Graduation Date: Month ___________ Year __________

City _________________________________________________________________ State ___________________ Telephone ( _______ )  ___________

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION  

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied). Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

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□ 4 yr. College or University  □ 2 yr. Community or Junior College  □ Vocational-Technical School  □ Other, explain __________________________

Year in school next year: □ 1  □ 2  □ 3  □ 4  □ 5  or  □ Graduate Study

Major or course of study: __________________________  Expected college graduation date: Month ___________ Year __________

Degree sought:  □ Bachelor  □ Associate  □ Certificate  □ Other __________________________

Student will:  □ live on campus  □ live off campus  □ commute from home  □ in-state resident tuition  □ out-of-state tuition

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Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.
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Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

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TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

A complete transcript of grades must be sent with this application. Grade reports are not acceptable.

1. Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-technical school must include all college or vo-tech transcripts of grades from each school attended. (Completion of high school information is not necessary).
2. High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full quarter or semester of postsecondary education must include a high school transcript of grades and have this section completed by the appropriate school official.

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School Official’s Signature
Date
Title
Telephone (____) _______

School Official’s Address: Street
City
State
Zip

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to the Colorado Pest Control Association on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when the Colorado Pest Control Association has received all of the following materials:

- Completed Application
- Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

Univar
4300 Holly St.
Denver, CO. 80216-4533
Attn: CPCA Scholarship Application

COMPANY INFORMATION

Sponsoring Company
Applicator’s License No.
Has been a member in good standing of the CPCA for a minimum of two years? Yes/No
PCO’s signature
Date

CERTIFICATION

I acknowledge decisions of the Colorado Pest Control Association are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including an official transcript of grades. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

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CPCA recently held their 2012 Spring Meeting at the Denver Tech Center. With a record crowd, packed exhibit hall, fantastic speakers and exciting scholarship raffle this meeting was a great success. Please enjoy some of the pictures from the conference. For more pictures email Colorado@pestworld.org. We look forward to seeing you at future events and thanks for your participation!
Bed Bugs Put Bite on Springs Landlords, Renters

From April 14, 2012 The Gazette, by Barbara Cotter

The diagnosis Jeannette Greer received during her visit to the Penrose Hospital emergency room in March was cellulitis, a skin infection that can have any number of causes.

But Greer says she knows the source of her infection: bed bugs. She started seeing them within hours of moving into her unit at Enfield Apartments in December, and despite numerous attempts by the property manager to eradicate the critters, they come back like a recurring nightmare, she says.

“I can’t get eaten up like this again,” says Greer, a 52-year-old Army veteran who suffers from diabetes and PTSD. “The stress is really bad.”

Greer is trying to get out of her lease, get her deposit back and move, leaving her furniture and other belongings behind so she doesn’t take bug-infested items with her. She and the management at Greccio Housing, which owns the apartment building, are trying to work things out; it’s unclear how her situation will be resolved.

One thing is clear: She’s not the only renter in Colorado Springs with bed bug problems, and with a recent surge in the number of renters and a seemingly unstoppable rise in bed bug cases, such landlord-tenant disputes are likely to increase, as well.

“I think probably every apartment community in town has had an outbreak at one time or another,” says Pat Stanforth, senior vice president of Griffis/Blessing, a Colorado Springs real estate company that manages about 4,000 apartment units.

So, it pays for both sides to know their rights, responsibilities and a little bit about landlord-tenant laws. That’s not usually a problem for many landlords, especially ones who have multiple properties. They tend to be savvy businesspeople who likely have a working relationship with an attorney.

Tenants, however, are usually in the dark about how to legally handle landlord problems. There is a Colorado law on their side that establishes a warranty of habitability — essentially a guarantee to tenants that the property they’re renting is fit for human habitation. But if they don’t know about it, or don’t fully understand, it won’t help their case.

“It’s a complicated statute, and the notices the tenants have to give are specific,” says Theresa Kilgore, managing attorney for the Colorado Legal Services office in Colorado Springs.

Sometimes, frustrated renters will stop paying rent, which could trigger an eviction, or they’ll break their lease by moving out.

“Anytime a tenant has some sort of issue and has a concern about the issue, they need to look at the (warranty of habitability) statute and the lease, and read those together,” says Amanda Halstead, a Denver real estate attorney. “But it’s really important not to act on impulse, because you may lose the right you have or compromise those rights.”

Greccio, a nonprofit that provides affordable housing to low- and moderate-income people, has a two-tier approach to fighting bed bugs, says executive director Lee Patke. The first involves giving residents an “action item” sheet that lays out their bed bug-fighting tasks, such as frequent vacuuming and keeping the floors uncluttered. Then, Greccio brings in an extermination company to spray over several months. The second tier involves bringing in a team to help people who, for whatever reason, might not be able to follow the cleaning protocol.

But bed bugs tend to be more intractable, making them a challenge for even the most diligent landlord to eradicate.

“It’s very difficult to get rid of them,” says Ken Lewis, code enforcement administrator for Colorado Springs. “The tenant and landlord have to cooperate with the exterminator. You can’t just go in and spray like you do with roaches and call it good. And the hard part sometimes is getting everybody to do their part. If bed bugs are in an adjacent apartment, they could be coming through the cracks.”

Even if the bed bugs are eradicated, all it takes is one tenant to move in with small colony of bed bugs tucked into an old mattress or secondhand couch.

That may be what has happened where Greer lives. She says she was told her apartment was bed bug-free when she moved in, but within hours, she started seeing them. One of her neighbors later told her that a former tenant had bed bugs but didn’t report them. And then, he said, they spread.

“Me, personally, I think they’re in the plumbing,” says Greer’s neighbor, who asked not to be identified for fear of getting evicted. “We’ve seen quite a few.”

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Greccio also encourages people not to buy secondhand mattresses or couches.

“Someone with limited resources might think it’s a great deal, but all of a sudden, we have bed bugs introduced into the apartment complex, and they can potentially migrate from apartment to apartment,” Patke says.

Greer says she follows the rules, wears surgical booties when she visits other apartments, and has had her apartment sprayed four times, but to no avail.

“I vacuum every day. There’s no clutter in my house,” she says. “I just want to get out and get my deposit back.”

Options for Help Abound
Greer and others in the same situation have several options, the first being to work with the landlord to resolve the problem.

“Most residents are very reasonable,” says Stanforth. “Sometimes, though, people don’t give you a realistic time frame to try to correct the problem. Sometimes, it’s just easier to allow them to break the lease.”

Tenants whose landlords refuse to deal with bed bug problems can also call the city code enforcement office.

“The code allows us to get after the manager or owner and hire a licensed exterminator,” Lewis says.

When all else fails, it may be time to contact an attorney. For low-income renters, Colorado Legal Services might seem the best option, but the nonprofit is not inclined to take the cases, mostly because it’s short-staffed, said staff attorney Steve Flynn. Still, it’s worth a call, Kilgore says, because there could be instances where they might accept the case.

Kilgore notes that tenants who sue and win can recoup attorneys fees and other expenses, so contacting a private attorney may be the best option. It is, however, a gamble, should they lose.

“The tenant has so much at risk when there’s a dispute with a landlord, meaning they could be homeless” Flynn says.

New Restrictions on Rozol Use in Six States to Protect Threatened or Endangered Species

To address the potential effects from Rozol Prairie Dog Bait to wildlife listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the EPA is publishing Endangered Species Protection Bulletins for Rozol Prairie Dog Bait on its Bulletins Live! website.

These Bulletins reflect agreements made between the registrant for Rozol Prairie Dog Bait (LiphaTech), the EPA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) to implement the Conservation Measures described in FWS’s final and draft Biological Opinions addressing the potential effects from Rozol Prairie Dog Bait to wildlife listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The EPA sought comments on FWS’s draft Biological Opinion in January 2012. FWS’s draft and final Biological Opinions for Rozol Prairie Dog Bait are available in the docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0909) at Regulations.gov and at www.epa.gov/espp.

Based on these conservation measures, we anticipate that the use of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait is not likely to result in jeopardy of any listed threatened or endangered species. The Conservation Measures include:

- Prohibiting application of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait within current and future black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes) reintroduction areas to reduce the level of impact on the black-footed ferret;
- Prohibiting application of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait within five southwestern New Mexico counties to avoid impacts on listed species including the Chiricahua leopard frog (Lithobates [Rana] chiricahuensis), jaguar (Panthera onca), New Mexico ridgelnosed rattlesnake (Crotalus willardi obscures), Mexican gray wolf (Canis lupus), and the Mexican spotted owl (Strix occidentalis lucida);
- Shortening the application season where the range of the black-tailed prairie dog overlaps with listed species including the grizzly bear (Ursus arctos horribilis) and Preble’s meadow jumping mouse (Zapus hudsonius preblei); and
- Amending the Rozol product label to require enhanced searches to remove poisoned prairie dogs.

These Bulletins will put into place geographic restrictions on the use of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait in six states (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wyoming) in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to eight federally listed species. The Bulletins will become enforceable on October 1, 2012, which is the start of the Rozol Prairie Dog Bait use season.
Clarification to New Rodenticide Labels

In the March 13th edition of ePestWorld, we advised you that EPA had revised the portion of its 2008 Risk Mitigation Decision relating to the 50 foot restriction for outdoor uses of professional use products. Specifically, EPA:

- Extended the distance from which rodenticides can be placed from buildings from 50 feet to 100 feet and replaced the word “building” with the term “man-made structures” (The phrase “man-made structures” is broadly defined, however, it expressly excludes “fence and perimeter baiting, beyond 100 from a structure…”), and
- Permitted the use of first-generation anticoagulant and non-anticoagulant professional products to treat burrows that are further than 100 feet from buildings and man-made structures.

In a March 20th letter, EPA provided additional clarification relating to the use of first and second-generation anticoagulants and non-anticoagulants applied to rodent burrows. In the letter, EPA specifies that the following language should appear on the revised labels:

- On all second-generation anticoagulant products labeled for application in rodent burrows

“This product may only be applied to active burrows to control Norway rats and roof rats within 100 feet of buildings and man-made structures constructed in a manner so as to be vulnerable to commensal rodent invasions and/or to harboring or attracting rodent infestations provided that infestations of these rodents have been confirmed. Efforts should be made to remove food trash, garbage, clutter, and debris.”

“Bait must be placed no less than 6 inches into active Norway/roof rat burrows. Do not broadcast bait.”

- On all first-generation anticoagulants and non-anticoagulants professional and agricultural products labeled for application in rodent burrows:

“This product may be applied to active rodent burrows to control Norway rats, and roof rats within or beyond 100 feet of buildings and man-made structures, provided that infestations of these rodents have been confirmed.”

“Bait must be placed no less than 6 inches into active Norway/roof rat burrows. Do not broadcast bait.”

“Because Norway/roof rat infestations may occur in areas farther than 100 feet from buildings and man-made structures when the rodents have ample supplies of food and cover, efforts should be made to remove food trash, garbage, clutter, and debris.”

To see a copy of the letter, visit http://www.npmapestworld.org/docs/ePestWorld/50%20Foot%20Document%20Clarification%20to%20Bell%20(3%2020%2012)(Signed)%201.pdf. NPMA cautions PMPs that this language will appear on products in the future but that products currently being used must be used in accordance with their current labeling.
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NPMA Asks EPA to Review Pyrethroid Labels

We have reported on changes to the environmental hazard and use directions on non-agricultural, outdoor use pyrethroid labels. For more information, visit http://www.npmapestworld.org/publicpolicy/pyrethroids.cfm.

Based on recommendations from NPMA’s government affairs committee and an internal association working group, NPMA has asked EPA to reevaluate the new labels. Specifically, NPMA has asked EPA to:

- Make clear that certain environmental hazard statements are advisory and not mandatory enforceable label action,
- Make clear that applicators are not responsible for actions taken by customers or others following an application of these products, and
- Preserve PMP ability to make applications to outdoor surfaces (other than crack and crevice and spot treatments) for certain pests in certain circumstances.

To see a copy of the request, visit http://www.npmapestworld.org/docs/ePestWorld/NPMA%20Letter%20to%20EPA-Outdoor%20Pyrethroid%20Uses%202.pdf. NPMA does not expect this to be resolved quickly, but welcomes members questions and input. Contact brosenberg@pestworld.org or gharrington@pestworld.org for more information.