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Bulletins 1 & 2: "Proper Pre-Construction Termites"

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Ensuring the Safe Use of Pesticides

South Carolina is home to a wide variety of pests that can damage our homes and yards, our pets and livestock, and even us. All South Carolina citizens suffer when pests are allowed to carry disease, damage crops and homes, and interfere with our quality of life. Pesticides are one of the many tools we use to control or prevent these problems. Like most tools, pesticides are not without certain risks. To ensure that these risks are properly managed, the Clemson University Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) enforces a set of state and Federal laws that require the safe and appropriate use of pesticides.



Be sure to have your house checked annually for signs of termite activity!

Educational Programs

Our philosophy is that an educational approach, reinforced by enforcement where necessary, is the most effective and fair mechanism to gain compliance with South Carolina's pesticide regulations. In addition to state regulations, DPR also has the sole authority to enforce the Federal pesticide regulations developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The DPR provides educational, training, and enforcement support for the Worker Protection Standard, which protects farm workers from pesticides. We also manage several groundwater protection regulations that protect surface water from pesticides. Additionally, we administer a voluntary program supporting the use of Integrated Pest Management techniques, rather than routine pesticide application to control pests in our children's schools.

Monitoring Treatment Standards

Structural pest control activities are a major part of our state responsibilities. All pest control operators and businesses must be licensed through the DPR. We regulate these companies and individuals in four general areas:

1. **Wood Infestation Reports.** These reports are issued in conjunction with real estate transactions. Our regulations require full disclosure of all visible evidence of wood-destroying organisms and damage caused by them. Discrepancies in these reports are investigated by our field inspectors.
2. **Subterranean termite treatments.** Detailed standards prescribed by our office must be followed whenever a treatment for prevention or control of subterranean termites is performed. Our field staff conducts routine inspections of every termite control company in SC.
3. **Other wood-destroying organisms.** Before a treatment can be legally proposed for most other wood-destroying organisms, there must be evidence that the organisms are actually present. The required evidence for activity is set forth in our Rules and Regulations for the Enforcement of the SC Pesticide Control Act.
4. **Pesticide Misuse.** Pesticides are, by their very nature, dangerous tools, and their misuse can pose very significant risks to public health and the environment. Preventing pesticide misuse, particularly deliberate misuse, is our highest priority.

Legal Authority

The Department of Pesticide Regulation is responsible for enforcing all pesticide regulations and laws, both state and Federal. We are also responsible for carrying out provisions of the South Carolina Pesticide Control Act and the South Carolina Chemigation Act. Through cooperative agreements with the EPA, the DPR also implements provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.



In addition to licensing responsibilities, the DPR helps to ensure the safe use of pesticides by:

- Performing routine inspections of pesticide manufacturers, distributors, and retailers;
- Routinely inspecting the facilities and operations of all types of private and commercial pesticide applicators;
- Regulating chemigation, the application of agricultural chemicals through irrigation systems; and
- Performing laboratory analyses to ensure that no contaminants are in the pesticides and that guaranteed ingredients are present in the amounts disclosed on the label.

Honeybees are important pollinators. Don't apply pesticides while honeybees are actively foraging!

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