Urban Landscape Pest Management Workshop - September 7, 2016
A Commercial Applicator recertification conference will be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210. Five hours of recertification credit will be available in categories 3a (aquatic), 4a (Forest Pest), 5 (Industrial Vegetation), 6a (Ornamental Pest), 6c (Ornamental Weed), 8 (Turf), and core will be offered. Preregistration is required. Register online at pested.osu.edu or by calling the registration company at (740) 524-4123. For conference information see pested.osu.edu or call the Pesticide Safety Education Program at (614) 292-4070.

Opportunity for farmers to dispose of pesticides
The Ohio Department of Agriculture will accept unwanted pesticides at these locations and times. Only farm chemicals will be accepted. Paint, antifreeze, solvents, and household or non-farm pesticides will not be accepted. To pre-register, or for more information, contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 614-728-6987.

Aug. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Fairgrounds
14134 County Road 140
Kenton, OH 43326

Aug. 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Miami County Fairgrounds
650 North County Road 25-A
Troy, OH 45373

Aug. 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds
335 Old National Road
Old Washington, OH 43768

Aug. 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Huron County Fairgrounds
940 Fair Road
Norwalk, OH 44857

EPA-Approved Revised Worker Protection Standard training materials available online
The EPA has contracted with the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) to develop training materials for workers and handlers as well as other educational materials. PERC has announced that the first EPA-approved worker training videos consistent with new regulations are now available. You may download free-of-charge English and Spanish versions of the video and other information on revised WPS
at http://pesticideresources.org. You also may subscribe to email updates on new WPS resources as they become available at http://pesticideresources.org/lists.html. The WPS employer compliance manual will be a critical tool for agricultural employers to institute the new requirements; the manual is expected to be released this fall in advance of the first compliance deadline (January 2, 2017) for most new WPS requirements. Worker and handler training manuals are expected to be released later in 2017 in advance of final, January 1, 2018 compliance deadline. These items are not required until the final deadline: compliance with new training content, new information display content, and handler responsibilities with respect to the Application Exclusion Zone.

The EPA proposes further restrictions on Paraquat to prevent accidental poisoning
Paraquat dichloride is a highly toxic pesticide used as a crop defoliant and for weed control in agriculture and non-crop areas. Since 2000 there have been 17 deaths associated with paraquat being illegally transferred to beverage containers and consumed. One to two teaspoons can be lethal if ingested and there is no known antidote. To prevent accidental consumption, the EPA is proposing new closed-system packaging, special training for certified applicators, and label changes to highlight the products’ toxicity. To reduce exposure to applicators, the proposals include restricting use to licensed pesticide applicators (no direct supervision allowed) and prohibiting application with hand-held or backpack equipment. A public comment period ended in May. Comments emphasized the importance of paraquat in controlling resistant weeds in agriculture. Action on the proposal is expected later this year.

Scotts announces that neonicotinoids will be dropped from Ortho products
The Ortho retail product line will entirely eliminate this class of chemistry by next year in response to concerns about effects on pollinators. Neonicotinoid insecticides are a highly effective group of insecticides with systemic action. The updated Ortho line will not offer a systemic product. The action satisfies environmental groups but disappoints advocates of effective chemical controls who point to the lack of definitive scientific evidence to support wholesale ban. The EPA is currently reassessing the neonicotinoid class of insecticides.

Upcoming Events

More information about the following events is at: http://pested.osu.edu

Urban Landscape Pest Management Workshop – Recertification Opportunity
September 7, 2016 (Wednesday) – Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus, Ohio
Categories offered: Core, 3a-Aquatic Pest, 4a-Forestry, 5-Industrial Vegetation, 6a-Ornamental Pest, 6c-Ornamental Weed, 8-Turf

Pesticide Safety Training – Commercial New Applicators & Trained Servicepersons
August 24, 2016 (Wednesday)
September 28, 2016 (Wednesday)
Core and Trained Serviceperson trainings are held in the morning, and Categories 8, 5, 2c, and 6c in the afternoon.

Wood Destroying Insect Inspection
October 5, 2016 (Wednesday)