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Pests and Pesticides in Child-serving Facilities: An IPM Newsletter

"Urban Integrated Pest Management in Tennessee" Facebook Site

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We've expanded our school IPM Facebook site to include materials pertaining to pests of all types of structures and have renamed it "Urban Integrated Pest Management in Tennessee". The URL is https://www.facebook.com/pages/Urban-Integrated-Pest-Management-in-Tennessee/292662364150306 which can be quite a handful, so we created a smaller alias, https://tinyurl.com/UrbanIPMTN. We've found it timely to post webinar announcements to this site to get the information to you sooner than we could with a newsletter. Please like this page when you have the opportunity. If you don't have a

facebook ID, please create one or have a friend like this page so you'll receive this well-timed information. Recent postings pertinent to schools include my odorous house ant webinar to be held Nov. 6, the Healthy Schools Learning Event on Nov. 19 pertaining to mold in schools, the death of 23 Indian students due to reuse of a pesticide container, pigeon nests leading to



carbon monoxide poisoning, the Northeast IPM Center's school IPM web site, and creating a fire ant allergy bracelet to alert Emergency Medical Assistance Personnel to a serious allergy.

Special points of interest:

- > Urban Pest Management Facebook Site
- > Odorous House Ant Webinar
- > Mold in Schools Webinar

Webinar:

"Keeping Ants off the Thanksgiving Table", 2 pm EST, 1 pm CST, November 2

If you have had problems with odorous house ants, the primary structure -invading ant in the mid-south, you'll want to watch this webinar. Although the title indicates I will be talking about protecting the Thanksgiving table, I'll use this opportunity to emphasize placing pest management on the list of party preparations, reducing conducive conditions, and identifying common ant invaders. I'll conclude by using management of the odorous house ant as an example of techniques to use against structure-invading ants.

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Fire Ant eXtension *Don't Bug Me Webinar* Series: "Keeping Ants off the Thanksgiving Table"

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To connect on Nov. 6 at 2 pm EST, you can login in as a guest at https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/fireant.



Odorous house ants hanging down from the inside of a Petri dish cover. Image: UT E&PP

I hope you'll pass this information on to others that have been bothered by this pest. If you miss the webinar, it's usually posted a few days later to this eXtension web site. http://www.extension.org/pages/66408/dont-bug-me-webinar-series-2013#.Um7TPPPD-Uk.

Mold Control is Moisture Control: Beyond the Basics for Addressing Mold Issues in Schools 3:00 pm EST, November 19

You've identified mold in your facility – now what? Attend this webinar to learn how to successfully manage an in-house or outside contractor mold remediation.

- Find out how to effectively manage a mold remediation process in-house and using outside experts. This webinar will provide examples to assist you in determining when you really need to call in outside experts.
- Avert a potential media crisis. Learn how to efficiently communicate to your community about how a mold issue is being handled in a school.
- Hear from a school district in Texas that struggled with mold issues and used the *Indoor Air Quality* (*IAQ*) *Tools for Schools* guidance to successfully institutionalize effective mold and moisture prevention practices.

<u>Register for this session today!</u> You'll receive a certificate of completion for your participation in each webinar. https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/844211865

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schoolipm.utk.edu or utyeah.utk.edu

NATIONAL IPM INFORMATION

eXtension's Pest Management In and Around Structures: Urban Integrated Pest Management http://www.extension.org/Urban%20Integrated%20Pest%20Management

National School IPM schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu/

IPM in Schools Texas http://schoolipm.tamu.edu/

IPM Institute of North America www.ipminstitute.org/

School IPM PMSP—all schools IPM by 2015 http://www.ipminstitute.org/school_ipm_2015.htm

National Pest Management Association IPM http://www.whatisipm.org/schools_IPM.asp

EPA schools http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/

For further information about the IPM program at your school or in your county, contact your county Extension Agent or the school IPM Coordinator. For county agent contact information, please visit https://utextension.tennessee.edu/Pages/offices.aspx

Precautionary Statement

To protect people and the environment, pesticides should be used safely. This is everyone's responsibility, especially the user. Read and follow label directions carefully before you buy, mix, apply, store or dispose of a pesticide. According to laws regulating pesticides, they must be used only as directed by the label.

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This publication contains pesticide recommendations that are subject to change at any time. The recommendations in this publication are provided only as a guide. It is always the pesticide applicator's responsibility, by law, to read and follow all current label directions for the specific pesticide being used. The label always takes precedence over the recommendations found in this publication.

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