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Frequently Asked Questions IPM Orientation

A PTP Examiner & IPM Agent accredited on the PIRC database must know the following:

Q: What is the Action Plan for Urban Use Pesticides Healthy Lawn Strategy?

A: To reduce reliance on pesticide use for lawn care through the application of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles, with particular emphasis on pest prevention, use of reduced risk products and application of pesticides only when necessary.

Q: What is IPM as defined by Health Canada / PMRA?

A: IPM is an informed decision making process using a wide variety of tools to effectively manage pests to acceptable levels. It is a highly adaptable process, based on goals and preferences established for the particular situation, for example regarding the purpose of the landscape and the level of damage that can be accepted by a client.

Q: What facts does the Healthy Lawns Strategy stress?

A:

- A healthy lawn, best established through preventative lawn maintenance, will reduce the need for pesticides
- Use pesticides only when necessary
- If you do use pesticides, READ THE LABEL

Q: What activities are proposed as part of the Healthy Lawns Strategy?

A:

- Reviewing the types of product packaging available to homeowners with the view to moving to Ready To Use products and non-combination products, for example, eliminating fertilizer-herbicide combinations;
- Reviewing the classification of domestic products as proposed by the F/P/T Committee's Working Group on Classification;
- Developing options for improving labeling of domestic products;
- Reviewing existing materials and activities in order to provide enhanced educational training materials with a focus on the homeowner, vendor and service provider; and
- Building on the Healthy Lawns Web Site as a way of disseminating information.

Q: How is the Healthy Lawn Mission defined?

A:

- To provide advice and direction to federal, provincial and territorial governments on implementation of the Healthy Lawns Strategy (under the Action Plan on Urban Pesticide Use.)
- To deliver and implement the objectives of the Healthy Lawns Strategy.
- To promote information exchange in the area of lawn pest management and pesticides.