

PMA Newsletter



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**REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR
GENERAL PEST MANAGEMENT
(STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL)**

CAPE TOWN: 26-28 MARCH 2012

PORT ELIZABETH: 21-23 MAY 2012

WEED CONTROL

DURBAN: 2-4 MAY 2012

START WITH AN EXTERIOR INSPECTION FOR A NEW CUSTOMER

Exterior inspections are just as important as those on the inside of a commercial customer, but are often glossed over in the excitement of getting inside. This can end up costing you because of issues you failed to notice during your initial site inspection.

BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE THE OFFICE- Do your homework. Use your computer or smart phone to get info about your customer. Use Google Earth satellite imaging to see an aerial view of the facility and what's around it. Do the grounds contain a pond? Are there railroad tracks? Are there large trees over-hanging the buildings? You also may discover things that you would never notice from the ground, like the illegal stump dump hidden in the woods next door. You can save yourself a lot of on-site inspection time by using these tools in advance.

Drive through the area first to get a feel for what the satellite images may have shown. Note surrounding features. Check the location of the fence lines, drives, entryways, delivery access, dumpster areas, lighting, storage buildings- anything that could contribute to pest problems.



INITIAL GROUND INSPECTION- Check the condition of the buildings, landscaping, garbage areas, any pest control methods already in place. Look for conditions conducive to pests, as well as the pests themselves. Use your cell phone camera to document problems. What you find around the facility will dictate what type of pest management you'll recommend.

DON'T FORGET THE ROOF INSPECTION- You may need a ladder or lift. Sometimes roof access is inside the building. Look for conditions on top that could contribute to pest problems inside. Look for gaps or holes around exhausts and equipment, lines entering the building, touching or overhanging foliage, etc. Since you're already on the roof, observe the surrounding area again. Look for new or temporary features that may not have been in your satellite images.

PERFORM A TWO-PART LIGHT LEAK AUDIT- Part one is a night time inspection that will give you a great deal of information as to where there are large cracks, holes, or openings that leak light out and can let pests in. Arrange to have lights on inside. Walk around the outside of the facility in the dark looking for light leaks around doors, windows, utility line or pipe penetrations, etc. Locate problem areas on your site map. Then, perform the same inspection inside on a bright, sunny day.

Walk through the facility looking for light leaking into the building through openings. Comparing both light inspections will give you a good idea of the actual penetration points into the building.

Remember all pests come from outside and need some type of access hole to get to the inside. Your job as a pest management professional is first to keep pests out and then to control the pests that have managed to enter the facility.

GENERAL PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

12-14 MARCH 2012 PRETORIA

26-28 MARCH 2012 CAPE TOWN

16-18 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

21-23 MAY 2012 PORT

ELIZABETH

WEED CONTROL

5-7 MARCH 2012 PRETORIA

2-4 MAY 2012 DURBAN

TERMITE & WOOD DESTROYING

ORGANISMS

23-25 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

4-6 JUNE 2012 PRETORIA

FUMIGATION

10-12 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

PLANT PEST & DISEASES

5-7 MARCH 2012 PRETORIA

WOOD PRESERVATION OF

UTILITY POLES

23-25 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

4-6 JUNE 2012 PRETORIA

HACCP (FOOD SAFETY) R890

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