



Category 3 & CORE

Friday, February 20, 2026

AGENDA

7:00 am Registration (*zoom login begins*)

7:30 am **CATEGORY 3**

TURFGRASS INSECTS: IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

This presentation will briefly discuss the major turfgrass insect pests that can affect turfgrass across the midwestern US. Identification, life cycle, and target zones of these insects will be presented. Management strategies and methods of control, both cultural and chemical, if appropriate, will also be emphasized.

Matt Giese, MS, Syngenta Professional Solutions

OPTIMIZING TURF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND REDUCE MANAGEMENT INPUTS

This presentation will provide an overview on best management practices for maximizing pesticide applications in turf. Topics will include tools and techniques for improving plant health, pesticide application considerations for reducing drift and runoff, and management strategies to reduce turf injury associated with common weeds, insects, and diseases. Overall, attendees should gain greater insight on the importance of pesticide stewardship as it pertains to managing turf pests.

Lindsey Hoffman Chappell, PhD, Envu

HELPING CUSTOMERS TACKLE PEST PROBLEMS ON TURF AND ORNAMENTALS

LCO's, sod growers and landscapers need economical products to treat pests that pose problems on turf and ornamentals. The speaker will discuss putting a yearlong program together for these areas that includes weed, disease and insect control solutions.

Kyle Miller, Senior Technical Specialist, BASF

10:50-1:50 pm **CORE** (*Note: Times are Approximate*)

PESTICIDE WASTE

Participants should be aware that improper disposal of pesticide waste is a violation of state and federal laws. A. Pesticide Waste Disposal; B. Container Cleaning and Disposal; C. Spill Reporting

Harry Connoyer, Harry's Consulting

LABELS, APPLICATOR SAFETY AND WORKER PROTECTION

The discussion on labels will include a review of pesticide labels and their content and any changes or additions to the pesticide labels. Applicator safety and worker protection discussion will include the effects of pesticides as they relate to the health and safety of pesticide applicators. Specific topics to be covered include safe and conscientious pesticide applications, worker protection standard, proper use and maintenance, prevention and recognition, clothing, PPE and application equipment.

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VIRTUAL TRAINING



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ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION

This topic will include discussion of the environmental effects of pesticides as they relate to protection of threatened and endangered species and non-target organisms. Specific topics to be covered include a general description of the Endangered Species Protection Program, Missouri specific endangered species information, label information and bulletin information.

Jeff Preece, BCE, PHE, ZipZap Termite & Pest Company

SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONALISM

This topic will include discussion of the responsibilities of supervisors of noncertified applicators and the importance of product stewardship. Specific topics covered include understanding and complying with the requirements for supervising non certified applicators and understanding the importance of maintaining chemical security and communication information regarding pesticide exposure and risk to supervised employees, customers and the public.

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PESTICIDES AND WATER SAFETY: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Pesticides Selection, Use and Characteristics will cover restricted use pesticides, storage and transportation, pesticide formulations, compatibility, persistence, dilutions and hazards. Water Protection will cover physical characteristics of groundwater, water contamination, regulatory updates and contamination prevention.

Brad Dutoit, BCE

APPLICATION STATE AND FEDERAL PESTICIDE LAWS AND REGS

Emily Groner, Missouri Department of Agriculture

Registration

Name _____

Name _____

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Firm _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

EMAIL (required)* _____

**Virtual login information and links will be sent to the email address listed above one week prior to the meeting. If no email is provided on this form we will have no way of sending you the login information.*

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Category 3	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
CORE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
TOTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200

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Mail or Email Registration Form to Missouri Pest Management Association at
MPMA, 722 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Phone: 573-761-5771 | Fax: 573-635-7823 | missouripest@gmail.com | www.mopma.org
NO REFUNDS AFTER FRIDAY, February 6, 2026 | ALL REFUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 PROCESSING FEE

STATE CREDITS

Missouri: APPROVED for recertification credits for Core-General Standards; Category 3-Ornamental and Turf Pest Control.

Kansas: PENDING

Illinois: APPROVED for recertification in Category 3-3.3 hours and Core-1.5 hours.

Arkansas: APPROVED for recertification for Missouri Category 3 training; Turfgrass insects, Turf Pesticides, Tackling pest problems on turf and ornamentals; CORE - Pesticide waste, labels, safety, endangered species protection, supervision and professionalism, pesticides and water safety and application state and federal pesticide laws and regs.