

April school IPM monthly update...

AZ School IPM Switching to List Serv ...Sign up!!

As most of you are aware, our group messages for the Arizona school IPM effort is changing over to a list serv format. This means the IPM monthly updates, newsletters, and announcements for school IPM meetings and workshops will no longer go out via e-mail (as here). **To continue receiving these messages, you must sign up for the list serv we have created: "AZschoolipm"**. Instructions will be e-mailed today. It is a simple, quick process. Distribution of all our announcements, etc., will switch over to the list serv May 1st, 2008. If for some reason you do not receive instructions via e-mail today, please contact Jennifer Snyder: 520-381-2266, or reply to this message.

Bed Bug Posters....

The National Fraternity for Pest Control Professionals, Pi Chi Omega, has made Bed bug posters. They measure 2' x 3'. Posters feature basic Bed bug lifecycle information and inspection tips. They are available in both English and Spanish for \$25 plus shipping. Previews and purchase information available at http://www.pichiomega.org/bedbug_poster.htm

Remember also there is a January 2007 Pest Press issue on Bed bugs, available from the UA Urban IPM website:

<http://ag.arizona.edu/urbanipm/schoolipm/newsletters/index.html>

HealthySEATv2 update...

Version 2 of the [HealthySEAT](#) software (technically V 2.002) is now available from the EPA web site. Downloading the latest release version will not affect any program-, district-, or school-specific information you may have already customized using HealthySEATv2.

This version corrects two minor glitches with the November 2007 release. In addition, it includes updates to some inspection-related reports. If you are actively using HealthySEAT or plan to do so in the future, we recommend that you download and install this update at: <http://www.epa.gov/schools/healthyseat>. If you are *already* using HealthySEATv2 and want to install the update, please view the **attached instructions**.

West Nile Virus Update...

So far this year, Arizona and Mississippi have each reported one human case of West Nile Virus. California has reported WNV-infected birds, and Alabama has reported a WNV-infected horse. Detailed statistics for the entire US can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm> **See attached** flyer for a recap of West Nile Virus transmission.

Upcoming Conferences and Meetings...

- ❖ University of Arizona Annual Spring Turfgrass Seminar. **Tempe, AZ at the Pera Club, April 7, 2008.** The seminar will highlight "Integrated Pest Management - Definition and Real World Practice". Turf-specific IPM strategies for insects, weeds, and diseases will be presented. Registration fee of **\$25** includes handouts, refreshments, and lunch. (Late registration fee of \$40 after April 1). Detailed agenda, information on obtaining CEU's for SPCC and GCSAA, and registration information at: <http://turf.arizona.edu/events.htm>
- ❖ Smartscape Turf Irrigation Management Workshops. **Tucson, AZ at the [Karsten Turfgrass Research Center](#), April 9th and also April 15th, 2008.** Workshops are ½ day long, 7:30AM-noon. They cover the basic biology of turfgrass, environmental and cultural factors that affect irrigation, irrigation auditing and scheduling, and problem solving skills. Register by contacting Kathryn Hahne, khahne@ag.arizona.edu, or 520-626-5161.
- ❖ 17th Annual Desert Horticulture Conference. **Tucson, AZ. Convention Center, May 16, 2008.** For maintenance personnel, educators, landscape architects, etc. Research-based information includes information on maintaining plants of the desert southwest. CEU's will be awarded. Cost is \$45 through May 1; \$70 thereafter. To learn more and register, visit <http://cals.arizona.edu/deserthort/>; for questions contact Jack Kelly at 520-626-5161, or jackelly@ag.arizona.edu.

Thanks all!

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