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2018193 AUTHORIZING COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE AND DISBURSE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DUTCHESS COUNTY, AS AN URBAN COUNTY, UNDER THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

On motion by Majority Leader Roman, duly seconded by Legislator Edwards, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

2018194 DECLARING DUTCHESS COUNTY LEAD AGENCY AND ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO GRANT AWARD TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BROOKBY FARM IN THE TOWN OF DOVER, NEW YORK

On motion by Majority Leader Roman, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Sagliano, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

2018195 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BROOKBY FARM IN THE TOWN OF DOVER NEW YORK AND REALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFORE

On motion by Majority Leader Roman, duly seconded by Legislator Edwards, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

2018196 DISBANDING THE GREEN COLLAR JOBS TASK FORCE

Majority Leader Roman, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Sagliano, moved the foregoing resolution. Discussion proceeded as follows:

Legislator Tyner spoke regarding Legislators attendance at Human Energy Alliance meetings.

Majority Leader Miccio called point of order because that did not pertain to the resolution.

Committee Chair Borchert ruled Legislator Tyner out of order.

Roll call vote on resolution resulted as follows:

AYES: 7 BORCHERT, GARITO, MICCIO, PULVER, ROMAN, SAGLIANO, and
SURMAN

NAYS: 5 BLACK, EDWARDS, MUNN, PAGE, and TYNER

ABSENT: 0

Resolution adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pest Control & Pesticides

for homeowners

Introduction

Pests are a part of our lives almost every day and are by definition, a nuisance. When you can no longer tolerate these pests there are options you can try to gain control over the situation. The following will discuss a general process that homeowners can utilize when attempting to gain control over a pest situation and further, considerations when using chemical controls.

Pest Control

Steps for Pest Control and Management

1. Identification

Before a decision can be made about how to effectively control a pest the pest needs to be properly identified. Proper identification is key to deciding the best means of control for each situation. Knowing the "opponent" is the homeowner's best defense.

2. Acceptable Amount of Control

Once the pest is identified we need to decide how much of the pest can be tolerated, keeping in mind that it is very difficult to achieve permanent extermination of a pest. A homeowner should set timely and realistic goals for acceptable levels of pest control.

3. Effective Action

Once the pest has been properly identified the next step is to decide what management technique is most suitable for the situation. We typically think about pest management in three ways...

Prevention: Discouraging pests by removing the conditions in which they thrive may eliminate the need for further action

- *Non-Chemical Controls:* Using biological controls and manual treatments will provide long term, effective, relief from pests

- *Chemical Controls:* When used properly can provide effective short-term relief from pests

These three management techniques are best utilized together in a process called Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which emphasizes a combination of prevention and non-chemical controls to manipulate an environment thus making it less appealing for pests. An IPM plan can be applied to any size pest problem.

4. Monitoring

Monitor the results of your management action and decide whether the results are acceptable or if the situation needs to be reevaluated.

Chemical Controls

DIY or Professional?

If chemical controls will be a part of your control equation, you must determine whether this is a job that you can do yourself or if this is a job for a professional. In New York State a homeowner needs to hire a professional when...

- The use of a "restricted use" pesticide is required
- The product needs to be used on land not owned or leased by the applicator
- The applicator is unable to comply with the directions for use

Reading a Label and Product Selection

Reading and understanding the pesticide label is the most important part of choosing and applying a pesticide. Before purchasing a pesticide refer to the following.

When selecting a pesticide use the least toxic option that will achieve the desired results!

EPA Registration Number: Number given to a product when it is registered with the EPA

Product Type: Describes the type of pest the product will control

Signal Words: Indicate the relative acute toxicity of the product

Caution: Slightly toxic, causes slight skin or eye irritation if improperly handled

Warning: Product is moderately toxic and will cause more skin and eye irritation than a product labelled caution

Danger: Severe eye and skin irritation

Danger Poison: Highly toxic by any route of entry

Active Ingredient: Chemical responsible for controlling the pest

Precautionary Statements: Provides details on what measures the applicator should take to protect themselves and others both during application and after

Directions for Use: A legal document including instructions on how to properly use the product to achieve the best result

First Aid: Instructions describing what to do if the product has poisoned someone, instructions are for first aid only, always call the phone number listed on the label

Storage and Disposal: Provides directions for storage and disposal of left over product.

Factors like application timing, size of application area, length of pesticide protection, and most importantly the ability of the applicator to properly follow the directions for use must also be considered.

Pesticide Use

Before using a pesticide be sure to read the label again. Note the recommended protective clothing as well as other personal protective equipment (PPE) and prepare yourself accordingly. If the label does not recommend any specific PPE, applicators should wear non-absorbent gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and closed toed shoes.

General Use

- Follow the directions for use to protect yourself and others.
- Check the label again to ensure the pest you are controlling is listed and that you are applying the pesticide during the specified conditions.
- Use only the amount of the product required, using more could be hazardous for the applicator and the surrounding environment.
- When working with pesticides, avoid touching your face, eating, drinking and smoking (some pesticides are flammable)
- Mixing, diluting, or applying pesticides should be done in well ventilated areas. Mix only the amount of pesticide you need for each application.
- Avoid any contact with the areas where the pesticide was mixed or applied for as least the time required on the label.
- Spills should be soaked up by an absorbent material like sawdust or kitty litter and then disposed of in accordance to the label. Do not wash away with water

For Indoor Use

- Only when necessary and in very limited amounts. The area that is being treated should be listed on the label. Check the label to see if the pesticide is safe to use near food preparation areas.
- If required, ventilate the area. Open windows and doors and use fans to help keep the area ventilated while the pesticide is working
- Avoid using pesticides near areas used for food preparation. If there is a possibility of contamination wash the surface thoroughly according to the label

For Outdoor Use

- Do not apply pesticides on windy days.
- If a breeze should pick up, position yourself so that the pesticide does not blow back on you.
- Close windows and doors to nearby buildings to avoid accidental entry.
- Spray closely to your target and use coarse droplet nozzles to reduce misting.
- Do not apply water to any area recently effected by a pesticide.
- Do not apply pesticides above or near wells and storm drains.

After Application

- Thoroughly rinse all tools in a bucket. If applicable, pour rinse water into the sprayer and apply according to the directions
- Always wash your hands in addition to anything else that may have come in contact with the pesticide. Separate potentially contaminated clothing and wash separately.
- Evaluate the results. Note any adverse side effects and if necessary contact a professional for advice.

Storage & Disposal

Storage

For specific storage details consult the product label but generally

- Keep out of reach of children and pets
- Keep pesticides in their original containers with the label, do not transfer to any incorrectly marked or unmarked containers
- Do not store pesticides where flooding is possible or where a leak could encounter water
- Store pesticides away from food, animal feed, and medical supplies
- Flammable pesticides should be kept far from the household and from ignition sources

Disposal

- Follow the directions on the label for disposal directions of the pesticide and the container. Never "dump" pesticides down any type of drain as they can be very harmful to the system and to aquatic organisms.
- Check the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency website for updates on local Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Pesticide Emergency Contact

For people...

Poison Control Center—1-800-222-1222

For pets...

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center—1-888-426-4435

For more information please visit...

DutchessNY.gov/Pesticides

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