



**PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)
IPM-Environmental Health Care Council of Ontario (IPM-EHC)**

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As an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) licensed professional, I recognize our individual and united responsibility to publicly speak out on environmental issues to safeguard our ecosystem. I agree to adopt an ecosystem approach to environmental protection and resource management. This approach views the ecosystem as composed of air, land, water, and living organisms, including humans, and the interactions among them. As an IPM Accredited member of the Integrated Pest Management Environmental Health Care Council of Ontario, (IPM-EHC Council), administered by its lawful governing body, the Pesticide Industry Regulatory Council, (PIRC), I agree to adhere to its published sustainable development and IPM Policy Code of Ethics. I recognize and acknowledge my responsibility to promote sound environmental health care IPM programs that includes plant health care to clients in our joint efforts to responsibly minimize public urban pesticide use as published at www.oipma.ca.

I acknowledge my responsibility to contribute to the social and environmental well being of our country, province and municipality. I agree to support and promote "sustainable development", which means economic growth that is environmentally sound to prevent harm to the environment. I will uphold Canada's laws, traditions, and shared environmental values that became better protected in 1982 under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Charter), and under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) in 1994 and required Statement of Environmental Values (SEV) thereunder required I will comply with all prohibitory uses of pesticides as set out under section 4 and 28 of the *Pesticides Act*. Where a conflict appears between the *Pesticides Act* or the regulations and any other Act or regulation in a matter related to pesticides and the control of pests, I will recognize that the *Pesticides Act* or the regulations shall prevail (section 53).

I acknowledge my responsibilities to comply with the PIRC negotiated enhanced educational standards for training and licensing for commercial applicators to apply Schedules 3, 4 and 6 herbicides that treated us inequitably and inconsistently. I acknowledge that these more stringent regulations were instituted by the MOE to address public pesticide concerns based upon the authority granted by my licenses under the Pesticides Act to commercially apply pesticides in Ontario on private lands. I hereby support all PIRC efforts that the Ministry uphold the authority of my licenses based upon Standards Development Branch and Operations provided interpretations told the PIRC and all Ontarians upon which my business decisions were made and my livelihood depends. I acknowledge and recognize the agreements negotiated by the PIRC with the MOE on my behalf described at its archived SWAT site that reads, "*The Ministry of the Environment has a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the two councils to administer licencing and certification for Exterminators and Technicians.*"

I agree to respect everyone's rights and freedoms set out under section 2 of the Charter to speak out and unite to express their ideas and opinions in regards to sustainable development, which views may differ from my own. I recognize our collective and individual responsibility to provide all levels of government and the public understandable environmental information. This to achieve correctly directed environmental action regarding responsible pesticide use that will enhance the quality of our lives and that of future generations through equitable and just laws based on science that meets the demanding standards of the scientific community. I will support and lobby for equitable laws that will protect human health and the natural environment and the rights of all individuals to equality before and under the law. I will respect the rule of law and work through due process to eliminate laws that discriminate to protect the legal rights of all persons to life, liberty and security of person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.

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I recognize that our individual and collective pest management experiences credibly equips us to assist all government levels to develop workable laws that will achieve environmentally sound economic growth that is fiscally responsible and financially affordable to the benefit of all Ontarians.

In making decisions, I will use science that meets the demanding standards of the scientific community, support scientific research, the application of technologies, processes and services, and the development of green industries in Ontario consistent with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's 1995 published SEV under the EBR. In my professional evaluations I will exercise a precautionary approach that will take into account all environmental risk factors in favour of the environment based on Health Canada's updated re-evaluations, label recommendations, and scientifically tested and effective sustainable alternatives that meet the demanding standards of the scientific community in my decision-making. I will take into account all reasonable product uncertainty, safety issues, and concerns expressed by Health Canada and others while recognizing that an ineffective treatment brought about by an inappropriate IPM application is counterproductive to protecting public health and the natural environment.

I acknowledge my responsibility to provide environmentally sound pest management advice and services that meets the stringent requirements of the scientific community, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, (PMRA), federal Pest Control Product Act, and Ontario's Pesticides Act. I will take into account all alternatives and IPM strategies to create a healthy environment consistent with Health Canada's published Action Plan on Urban Use Pesticides and Federal, Provincial and Territorial Committee's (FTP) Healthy Lawns. I will in my decision making incorporate the elements of IPM that include: identifying potential pests and pest organisms; monitoring pest populations; pest damage and environmental conditions; managing ecosystems to prevent organisms from becoming pests; managing pest populations using strategies that combine biological, cultural, mechanical, behavioral and as necessary, prudent use of least risk chemical controls. I will focus on promotion and implementation of plant health care cultural practices where possible that includes using optimum soil depth and quality, composting, suitable turf varieties, overseeding, mulching, proper mowing, watering, fertilizing, aeration and dethatching as components for maintaining healthy lawns and preventing pest problems.

I will uphold the rights and freedoms of applicators to join and establish professional trade organization(s) to represent their interests through our two industry councils, (PIRC and PIC), as the pest management industry's official representatives in the MOE streamlined early consultation process along with their affiliated IPM Councils to the benefit of all Ontarians. I agree to document my IPM pesticide usage, alternative strategies, and to monitor and keep records of annual pesticide usage that follows industry and government guidelines and as may be implemented by my organization's governing council bodies or the MOE.

I agree that monitoring techniques will be used to discourage unnecessary treatments and to anticipate potential pest problems based on pest history in combination with local and province-wide monitoring. I will offer customers a pesticide-free alternative and implement buffer zones (as required) when making applications to sensitive sites. I will utilize spot treatment for the control of pests (i.e. insects and weeds) and use blanket applications only after meeting industry and regulatory body accepted thresholds following label directions to reduce unnecessary applications. I will monitor and maintain a client log of observations. I agree as applicable not to sell programs based on numerous pesticide applications, but rather encourage programs based on IPM environmental principles and cultural plant health care practices. I agree to support that all IPM Accredited lawn care companies be restricted from advertising more than two weed applications prudently applied as required when weed pests are present in any offered lawn care program.

I recognize my responsibility to participate in my organizations' PIRC recorded annual updating covering regulatory, sustainable IPM technology advances, and least risk pesticides continuing education programs and to incorporate this annual updating in my company's education and training programs. I hereby agree to promote to clients and the public the countless benefits of environmental health care IPM that is consistent with Health Canada's published Action Plan on Urban Use Pesticides.