



# Environmental Care Association of Idaho

## Newsletter

Fall 2016

### President's Corner

As the season is in full swing most of us have our eye on the next 60 days. When the days get shorter, weather gets cooler and we get an opportunity to take a collective deep breath because we know that our season is winding down. Until then I would like to encourage all of you to keep your focus on finishing well!

I believe that the majority of us in the Lawn care and Pest management industries do what we do to serve those in our community. I know that when we hit the August stride we wear thin of the equipment, employee and yes even customer problems. The Summer heat tends to do weird things to our equipment. Our team has been trading their evenings and Saturdays to keep on schedule and Customers can be more needy when we get to the dog days of summer. At times there seems to be little encouragement to push forward.

We are blessed to live in the Great State of Idaho and by far the vast majority of our fellow Idahoans love it too! I always enjoy welcoming new customers who have moved from another state. They seem a little perplexed of why people in Idaho are friendly and willing to help. This is the Idaho that I love to live in and I want to do my part to keep it that way.

We work in an industry that helps others live healthy. It is our responsibility to educate our customers on the benefits of pest management that is an important part of a healthy home that helps keep their family safe. The benefits of a healthy landscape to maintain the beauty and comfort, and most of all, preserve the value of their homes.

I would personally like to encourage you and your team to make it a priority to finish this year well!

Bob Mitchell  
Capitol Pest Management Inc.

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## Upcoming Events

-The **"Idaho Pest Expo"** has a **new location - Wyndham Garden Boise Airport**. The dates for this great event are December 6-7, 2016.

- "ECA Education Day 2016" will be at the Canyon Crest Events Center, Twin Falls, on December 8th, 2016.

## Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan

Many Idaho growers depend on plant pollinators to help produce our nation's agricultural products. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), under guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is in the beginning stages of developing a plan to protect bees and other pollinators from pesticides.

EPA, in conjunction with the American Association of Pest Control Officials (AAPCO) and the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG), has delegated states to develop their own specific state plans. State Departments of Agriculture are the primary agencies nationally that enforce pesticide use. The state-managed Pollinator Protection Plan allows states to address their own unique crop and pest problem issues by working with beekeepers, growers, pesticide applicators and other interested parties. The intent of the plan is to enhance the communication between applicators, growers and beekeepers along with a goal of allowing needed pesticide applications to occur, while ensuring pollinator impacts are minimized or eliminated through the use of best management practices (BMPs).

ISDA has developed a draft plan as a starting point for discussions. This draft plan is just for guidance and may be completely different from the finalized plan. ISDA is requesting input from stakeholders as the Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan is developed by attending committee meetings projected for September and October of 2016. The Environmental Care Association of Idaho (ECA of Idaho) will have a representative attending these committee meetings.

If you have questions or are interested in serving as a committee member, please contact George Robinson, ISDA Administrator, Ag.Resources Division by email at [George.Robinson@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:George.Robinson@isda.idaho.gov) or by phone at 208-332-8531.

The draft Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan is posted on [ecaofidaho.org](http://ecaofidaho.org).

## Troubleshooting German Cockroach Problems in Restaurants

Ted Snyder, BCE

German cockroaches are devious creatures. Years ago, they were considered the number one pest found in structures. Since then, ants moved into the number one slot, only to be recently knocked out by bed bugs. Who wins in all this jockeying for position? Why, the devious cockroach does.

There's no doubt that baits have been a great tool for cockroach control, allowing us to get a higher level of control with less effort. In the past, we had to find and spray every cockroach harborage in order to get control. We learned how to relentlessly seek out and find cockroach harborages because, if we didn't, we got callbacks.

Baits attract cockroaches, making the skill of relentlessly finding cockroach harborages less important. Oftentimes, we can control a problem without finding all the harborages. From our perspective, this is a good thing, since it's made cockroach control easier than in the past. However, wouldn't the cockroaches also want us to be less effective at finding their harborages?

It's easy to blame control failures on resistance or on bait aversion. Although that's certainly a concern, it's normally not the issue. The majority of cockroach callbacks come from not relentlessly finding (and then treating) their harborages. We need to remember how devious cockroaches are.

If you are getting callbacks for German cockroaches in a restaurant or if you keep finding German cockroaches each service, you need to dig deeper into what is going on in the account. Here are some steps that can help.

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