



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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PCITA offers Unit standard based Skills Courses, registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The Pest Control Industries Training Academy (PCITA) also present NQF Level 5 Distance Learning Courses.

***Training is key to
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Pest Management!***

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COURSES COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

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Treatment of general pests: Flies, cockroaches, rats, ants etc.

Date: 6-8 November 2024

Venue: Gauteng

Fee: SAPCA Member: R5 100

Non-SAPCA Member: R5 560

Structural Health & Nuisance



Weed and Alien Invader Plant



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Fumigation is defined as the act of introducing a toxic chemical in an enclosed space in such a manner that it disperses quickly and acts on the target pests in the gaseous state.

Date: 19-21 November 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R4 900



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Landscape, Tifsport Maintenance, Vegetation Control & Road side Maintenance.

Date: 13-15 November 2024

Venue: Durban

Fee: SAPCA Member: R4 900

Non: SAPCA Member: R5 400

Fumigation Structures & Commodities



Structural Health & Nuisance



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The importance of pest control in a food handling environment and knowledge of food business audit requirements, procedures and the pest control standards and requirements

Date: 22 November 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R1 900



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Treatment of general pests: Flies, cockroaches, rats, ants etc.

Date: 19-21 November 2024

Venue: Durban

Fee: SAPCA Member: R5 100

Non-SAPCA Member: R5 560

Pest Audit on all Commercial & Business Properties



Structural Health & Nuisance



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Treatment of general pests: Flies, cockroaches, rats, ants etc.

Date: 26-28 November 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R4 700

E-LEARNING

VALID – 01 – 15 NOVEMBER

**10%
OFF**



**STRUCTURAL HEALTH AND
NUISANCE
FEE: R4 050**

**WEED AND INVADER
PLANTS
FEE: R4 320**



**PRE-POST CONSTRUCTION
TERMITICIDE APPLICATION
FOR CONTROL OF TERMITES
FEE: R3 150**



OTHER E-LEARNING COURSES



Managing Conflict in a Workplace
Fee: R1 350



Time Management Programme
Fee: R1 350



Food Safety (HACCP)
Fee: R2 070



Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces Programme
Fee: R1 170

NQF5 DISTANCE LEARNING THEORY



**FUMIGATION
MANAGEMENT**



**HEALTH & NUISANCE
PEST MANAGEMENT**



**WEED INVADER
PLANT MANAGEMENT**



**WOOD DESTROYING
ORGANISMS
MANAGEMENT**

Suitable for companies where the employees can do their practical training under qualified PCO supervision



REGULATORY INFORMATION

- Empty pesticide aerosol canisters cannot be cleaned effectively by pest control operators, hence it should be treated as obsolete pesticides and not as nominally empty pesticide packaging that may be recovered, transported and recycled. Refer to the classification of empty packaging as NOT being dangerous goods by the SA National Standard 10406:2014 **Clause 3.1.6.**

Nominally empty packaging:

Previously certified packaging from which contents have been removed as far as possible, by means of the practices commonly employed to remove materials from that type of container, for example pouring, scraping, pumping, or aspirating

NOTE: Packaging containing residual material of division 6.1 (main or subsidiary hazard, in accordance with SANS 10228) is not deemed empty unless it has been triple rinsed with an effective solvent, or has been cleaned by a method proved to achieve equivalent removal.

- Empty pesticide aerosol canisters contain traces of the active ingredients, cannot be adequately cleaned and are thus categorised as **hazardous** waste and **dangerous goods**, and must be treated as such, meaning transported **ONLY** according to **SANS10231** with vehicles **licensed** as dangerous goods vehicles, fitted with the required **dangerous goods placards** and driven by drivers that are **qualified and licensed** to drive such vehicles.
- Empty pesticide aerosol canisters may not be **buried** or **burned**; it is a **criminal** offense in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008). Refer to SANS10206:2020 for verification of this.

IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNING: IT MAY BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS TO PUNCTURE OR BURN EMPTY AEROSOL CANISTERS BECAUSE OF THE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE PROPELLANTS USED TO DISPENSE THE CONTENTS

DISPOSAL PROTOCOL FOR EMPTY AEROSOL CANISTERS

- Check the label for instructions for the disposal of empty aerosol canisters: only aerosol canisters that contained pesticides will be accepted at CropLife SA Certified Recyclers marked **PCOs ONLY** for hazardous waste disposal
- Place empty aerosols canisters into a clear plastic bag and their plastic caps in a separate bag
- Dispose of the empty aerosol canisters in the plastic bags at a CropLife SA Certified Recycler marked **PCOs ONLY** for hazardous waste disposal
https://croplife.co.za/Collectors_Recyclers
- Plastic caps can be placed in the normal recycling cages or bags for recycling



Recycle



The recycler must complete the CoDi Intel Declaration and issue a copy to the PCO as proof of responsible disposal



Pack in plastic bags for hazardous waste disposal

30 October 2024

CropLife South Africa Statement Poisoned Foodstuffs

CropLife SA and its member companies are appalled at recent media reports of young people being poisoned, or even losing their lives, following the consumption of foodstuffs that seem to have been contaminated by illegal pesticides.

The information that the industry association has to date is that some foodstuffs sold by street vendors and spaza shops in different parts of the country have been contaminated either via the illegal application of pesticides for the control of pests (usually cockroaches and rodents) in areas where foods are prepared and sold, or the food contamination has occurred whilst illegal pesticides are stored in close proximity to food that is subsequently sold to children and other persons by street vendors and spaza shops.

Whilst the industry association awaits confirmation from health and police officials as to the exact identification of active ingredients involved in this illegal use of pesticides, the symptoms that have been attributed to the recent poisoning of young persons strongly indicate that pesticides from the family of organophosphate chemicals are probably involved.

It must be noted that it is illegal in South Africa for any person to sell, have in their possession or use any pesticide that is not registered by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) in accordance with Act No. 36 of 1947 (the Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act). This registration by DALRRD dictates that a pesticide (agricultural remedy) may only be sold in original approved packaging, with a detailed product label securely affixed to the product container and may only be used strictly according to label directions in terms of use rate, pest targeted and manner of application.

Based on information received to date, none of the suspected pesticides involved in the recent illegal usage have DALRRD approvals for use to control household pests, nor have they been found in approved packaging; to confirm, these so-called 'street poisons' are not registered by DALRRD for such pest control use, are not packaged in approved packaging (they have been illegally re-packaged) and are not labelled in any way with any kind of detailed use restrictions or warnings related to use of the products in any form whatsoever.

Of huge concern to CropLife SA are rumours that street vendors are selling pesticides based on active ingredients that are banned in South Africa or that should not be available for non-agricultural use and should not be applied by persons not suitably qualified to do so. CropLife SA therefore strongly urges the relevant authorities to seize these illegal street poisons, enforce existing laws around the use of pesticides and investigate how banned products are being allowed to enter South Africa.

CropLife SA continues to support the responsible use of legally registered pesticides in South Africa for both agricultural and public health pest control, and urges all consumers to ensure that they only purchase and use pesticides that are registered for use to control targeted pests, that are in the original packaging and that have an official label directing how the product shall be used and the precautions that need to be taken when using the product.

CropLife South Africa is a non-profit, non-government, voluntary industry association that strives to represent its members and enable them to be providers of environmentally compatible solutions that ensure sustainable, safe and affordable food production, and therefore food security, in South Africa



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DISTANCE LEARNING (NQF5)



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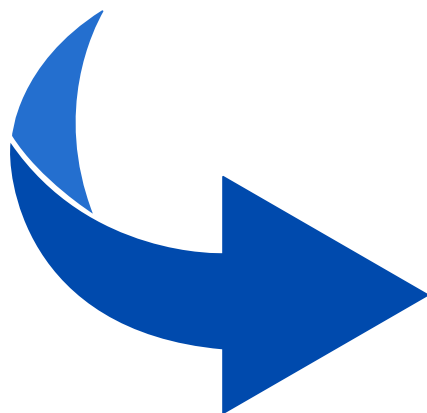
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