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OCTOBER 2024

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COURSES COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Structural Health & Nuisance



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

Date: 15-17 October 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R4 700

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Microsoft Teams

knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act's requirements, its rules, and the repercussions of breaking these criteria.

Date: 22 October 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R700

Occupational Health and Safety



Microsoft Teams



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

Date: 22-24 October 2024

Venue: MS Teams

Fee: R4 800

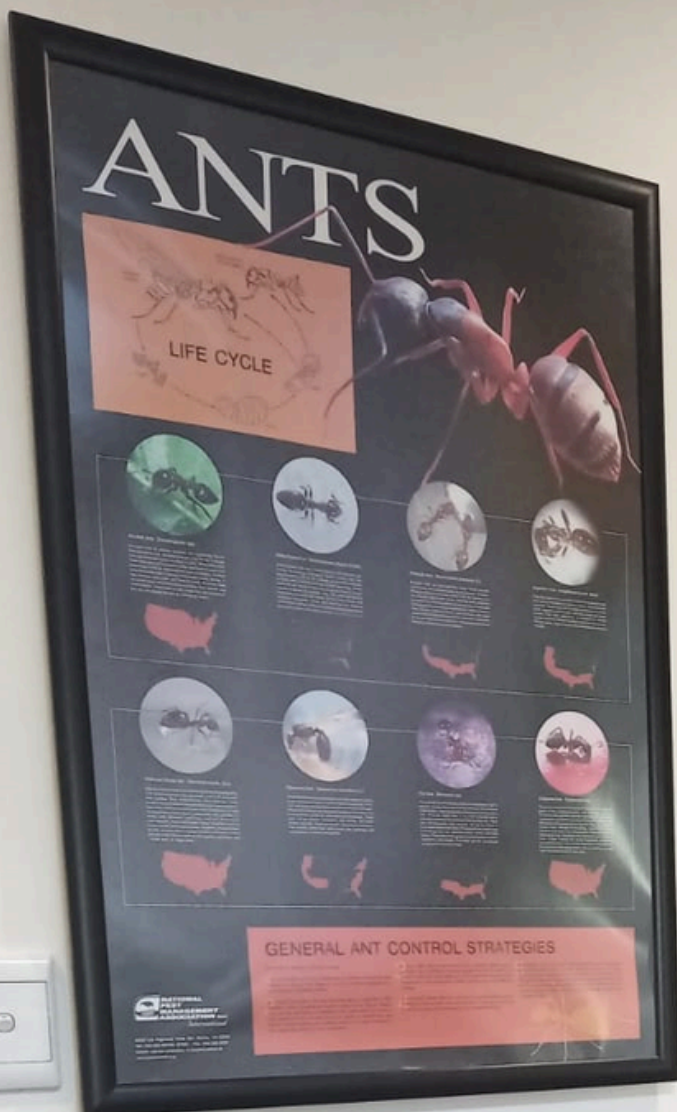
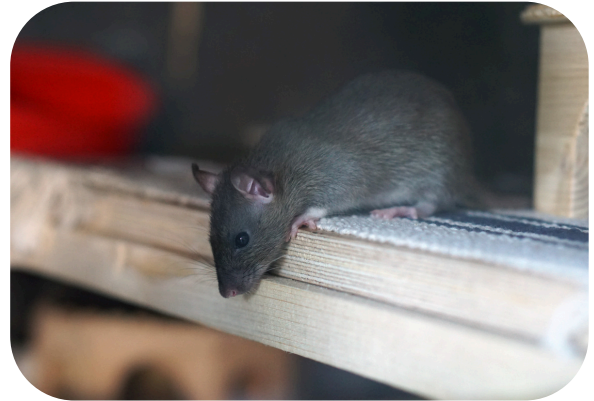
Weed and Alien Invader Plant



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Treatment of general pests: Flies, cockroaches, rats, ants etc.
 Date: 29-31 October 2024
 Venue: East London
 Fee: **Special** R4 900



E-LEARNING (ONLINE)

PCITA offers Pest Control and other Course Online which you can learn in your own time over 30 days. These 3 courses have one on one evaluation assessments via MS/TEAMS with an Assessor. For these courses you will have to complete the registration form online which will be available to you after completion of all sections. After passing the evaluation, the student will receive a certificate.



E-LEARNING

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E-Learning

Structural Health and Nuisance

Fee: R4 500



Weed and Invader Plants

Fee: R4 800

Pre-Post Construction Termiticide application for control of termites

Fee: R3 500



OTHER ONLINE COURSES INCLUDES



Managing Conflict in a Workplace
Fee: R1 500



Time Management Programme
Fee: R1 500



Food Safety (HACCP)
Fee: R2 300



**Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces
Programme**
Fee: R1 300



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PRESS RELEASE

3 January 2024

Villa Crop Protection Urges Responsible Use of Dichlorvos 1000 EC

Villa Crop Protection, a leading supplier of agricultural chemicals in South Africa, is issuing an urgent notice regarding the responsible and registered use of DICHLORVOS 1000 EC. This notice follows previous communications in February and September 2023. We prioritise public safety and compliance with the specific registration under Act 36 of 1947.

Unauthorised Use Warning: It has been observed that DICHLORVOS 1000 EC, a product specifically registered for agricultural applications, has been incorrectly utilised in the Public Health Market, notably for purposes such as cockroach control and cattle fumigation. This usage is neither registered nor permitted. Villa Crop Protection emphasises that DICHLORVOS 1000 EC is not to be used outside of its intended agricultural purposes, as such applications can pose significant dangers to public health and safety.

Distribution and Sales Requirements: To ensure compliance, as of September 2023, Villa Crop Protection only resumed sales of DICHLORVOS 1000 EC to clients who acknowledged and agreed to the following conditions:

- The product is intended exclusively for registered agricultural applications.
- Sales are only to reputable business partners.
- Avoidance of cash sales to ensure traceability and stewardship.
- Maintenance of a sales register, ensuring the product reaches reputable growers (end users).
- Sale of the product in its original packaging, prohibiting decanting into smaller units.
- Retailers must apply or have a License under Section 4 of the Hazardous Substances Act of 1973 to supply group 1 hazardous substances, with proof of submission or license provided.

Consumer Advisory: Villa Crop Protection urges end consumers not to purchase DICHLORVOS 1000 EC for any unregistered uses. If consumers are uncertain about the supplier's credentials, they are encouraged to contact us directly at info@villacrop.co.za.

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**ABOUT VILLA CROP PROTECTION:**

Villa Crop Protection is committed to providing high-quality agricultural chemicals responsibly and safely, contributing to the sustainable growth of South Africa's agricultural sector.

HAZARDS AND RISKS OF USING DICHLORVOS 1000 EC INDOORS

Dichlorvos is a volatile substance (vapour pressure is 2100 mPa at 25 °C) and when applied indoors will rapidly saturate the indoor space. People residing, sleeping, or working in such spaces will be exposed to dichlorvos which has a high inhalation toxicity (LC₅₀ 4 hrs – 0.083 mg/L air). The hazard of dichlorvos thus materialises as a very high risk for people if applied as a concentrate or even diluted spray mixture indoors. Incidents in which pure dichlorvos was applied indoors resulted in severe organophosphate poisoning symptoms in people because whoever applied the product, overdosed the product 40 to 50 times compared to the dosage that is dispensed by registered dichlorvos containing fumigants.

WITHDRAWAL OF DOMESTIC/RESIDENTIAL USE OF DICHLORVOS 1000 EC FROM ITS LABEL

Following a request from CropLife South Africa in 2020, Villa Crop Protection withdrew the label instructions for the use of DICHLORVOS 1000 EC for building/premises/domestic use due to the risk posed by such use in the hands of irresponsible users. The product was never registered for indoor use and the label only indicated the use outside of buildings. In the interest of public safety, we withdrew all references to DICHLORVOS 1000 EC around buildings to prevent exposure of people to the product.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CEASE SALES OF DICHLORVOS 1000 EC TO CONSUMERS

As the registration holder of DICHLORVOS 1000 EC, Villa Crop Protection instructs all crop advisers and retailers to refrain from recommending, supplying, or selling our product to consumers who are not bona fide tanners. Any recommendations or sales of products which are contrary to the label instructions, are unlawful and will be reported to the Inspectorate of the Directorate of Agriculture Inputs Control.

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End of Press Release



COOPERS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IS A PROUD
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RECYCLER

RECYCLING EMPTY PESTICIDE CONTAINERS HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

Coopers Environmental Science in Pomona is a CropLife Certified Recycler and approved collection point. We have just received a 1000 plastic bags as per photo below from the CropLife SA PRO. Please collect your FREE bag from our reception, fill it with empty containers and drop o at 91 Maple Road, Pomona, Kempton Park.



PROCEDURE WHEN DELIVERING EMPTY CONTAINERS:

1. Ask reception to call Annelize or call directly on 072 278 7314.
2. Please do not dump at the back of our warehouse!
3. Annelize will complete a CoDi Intel Declaration form and email it to you as a Certificate of Adequate Disposal.
4. Please count the different types of packaging before bagging it for easier processing of CoDi Intel Declaration form.
5. You can re-use the plastic bag for empty pesticide containers and when it reaches the end of its serviceability, will you receive another free plastic bag for empty containers

WHAT TYPES OF PESTICIDE / RODENTICIDE PACKAGING ARE ACCEPTED?

- Plastic containers (HDPE, PP and PET)
- Steel drums
- Aluminium canisters
- Aerosol Canisters (must be completely empty)
- Paper or cardboard packaging
- Bait syringes
- Foil bags
- Glass bottles

You can deliver empty pesticide containers from any company, not necessarily only that of Coopers products

**Please note: Very important to triple rinse empty containers!
Containers that still have pesticide residues are categorized as hazardous waste and dangerous goods. Certified recyclers will only collect triple rinsed containers from Coopers.**

Empty plastic containers must be triple rinsed as follows:

Invert the empty container over the spray or mixing tank and drain for at least 30 seconds after the flow has slowed down to dropping. Thereafter rinse the empty container three times in succession with one quarter of the container fresh water and decant the rinsate into the spray or mixing tank.

Clean empty plastic or foil bag as follows:

Turn the bag inside out. Hold the bag over the spray or mixing tank and rinse the bag with running water for thirty seconds. Shake the rinsate off into the tank. Repeat the rinsing twice

Clean the empty aluminium container as follows:

Once all the pesticide formulation is decanted from the container, leave the cap off and place in a secure spot for at least 24 hours to aerate. Thereafter the container should be submerged in a large bucket of cold water and left standing for one hour. Remove the container, shake out all the water and allow it to dry in the sun.



VERY IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ:

ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE containing products such as **QUICKPHOS TABLETS** or **QUICKPHOS PELLETS** will release flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously when in contact with water. Do NOT submerge these empty aluminium containers in water if they have any residues of the phosphides left in them!

Furthermore empty containers 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).

PLEASE SUPPORT THE JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN CROPLIFE SA AND INDUSTRY TO CLEAN UP OUR COUNTRY!

RECYCLE – IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!





PCITA Course Offerings

PCITA OFFERS FLEXIBLE LEARNING PLATFORMS

OUR COURSES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH VARIOUS PLATFORMS TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE AND LEARNING PREFERENCES.



IN-CLASS SESSIONS - GAUTENG, DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN



MS TEAMS - AN ASSESSOR IS PRESENT FOR ONLINE TRAINING



E-LEARNING - AN ONLINE ASSESSMENT IS BOOKED WITH AN ASSESSOR ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE



DISTANCE LEARNING (NQF5)



WE OFFER COURSES AT YOUR PREMISES IN OTHER REGIONS FOR 6 OR MORE STUDENTS.

WHETHER YOU PREFER IN-PERSON SESSIONS, ONLINE MODULES, OR A HYBRID APPROACH, WE OFFER FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL LEARNERS—FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERTS SEEKING REFRESHER COURSES

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AND RE-OPENING

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