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As 2017 is winding down and we approach our annual meeting and convention of The Environmental Care Association, I want to introduce myself to those who I may not have had the pleasure of meeting in the past. President Bob Mitchell has asked that I fill in for him as his term in office comes to a close. Bob and I have been acquainted for nearly 20 years and it's my pleasure to help him out in the months leading up to my term as President. Please join me in thanking Bob for all he has done to serve our industry over the years.

I am Todd Sawyer, the owner of Orkin Pest Control here in Idaho. I have participated in the industry both on the Pest side as well as the Lawn and Tree side for over 35 years in Idaho. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders associated with our great industry in the next couple years.

I would like to start off my term by challenging each and every one of you to renew your passion and drive for greatness both personally and within your organization. Our convention this year has a full agenda of outstanding educational and informative sessions for your growth as professionals. Take this time to network with peers, vendors, educators, and regulators. It's this meeting of our industry as a whole, that gives all of us time to learn and refocus our efforts to best serve all Idahoans. Our industry is about serving people while acting as protectors of health, people, property, products, and the environment of our great state.

Consider this convention and season as a period of advancing the agenda of knowledge, growth and quality in the services you perform. Recertification points keep us licensed, while true learning keeps us strong as individual contributors seeking an even better quality of life here in Idaho.

Enjoy the convention and I wish you success in 2018 and beyond.

Todd Sawyer
President Elect ECA

Register Now

"Idaho Pest Expo" on December 5th and 6th, **RETURNS to the Riverside Hotel.**

"ECA Education Day 2017" will be at the Canyon Crest Events Center, Twin Falls, on December 7th.

Online registration at www.ecaofidaho.org before November 27th for pre-registration savings.

Annual Meeting

Please join us Dec 6 for the
ECA Annual Membership Meeting
Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho - directly after the closing of the
Idaho Pest Expo (approximately 12:30pm)

Agenda items include:
Minutes from previous meeting; Treasurer report; Convention report; Election of 2018 officers.

The New NPMA Health Insurance Exchange

As industry leaders and owner/operators, many of you are tasked with the challenge of ensuring that your company and employees have access to affordable and high-quality healthcare. To make this process easier, NPMA is proud to announce the launch of our new Health Care Exchange, which will activate during the 2018 open enrollment period and will be available to all NPMA members and their employees.



Focused on flexibility and predictability The Exchange is designed to provide NPMA members with cost-effective benefit solutions that make sense in an increasingly unpredictable marketplace. Recognizing that bargaining power is a challenge for many members, NPMA focused on providing small and mid-sized employers with benefit options that were previously available only to larger employers.

NPMA also focused on flexibility because every company has unique needs. Unlike many healthcare benefit programs that require the purchase of "all-or-nothing" packages, their Exchange empowers members to select specific benefit offerings that best fit the size and requirements of your business.
Robust healthcare benefit options

The NPMA team has worked hard to ensure that the Exchange provides members with an extensive variety of benefits, ranging from self-funded plans and health reimbursement accounts to robust health, dental and vision plans. A select list of highlighted benefits can be viewed at <https://pestworldmag.npmapestworld.org/2017/07/11/health-insurance-exchange> .

Navigating today's healthcare marketplace is steeped in uncertainty caused by potential legislation changes; benefit discontinuations and exchange closures. NPMA's new Health Care Exchange is designed to simplify this process by providing members with much-needed clarity and more cost-effective benefit options than any time previous.

Read the Label Before You Select Your Pesticide

There are two times where it is absolutely necessary to read a pesticide label. The first time is before you purchase or select the pesticide for use and the other time is prior to using the pesticide. Reading the pesticide label is important for safe and effective pesticide application and knowing what limitations or restrictions a pesticide may have is essential to know if a pesticide will be a good fit for your pest control situation. Thoroughly read the label and any supplemental information before selecting or applying any pesticide. The pesticide label contains all the information needed for legal and safe use of the chemical, treatment for accidental exposure, and directions for appropriate use and disposal of the pesticide container. For the safety of the applicator and to reduce environmental risks, it is a good practice to select the least toxic pesticide capable of providing the desired pest control.

Most times, the correct pesticide for an application depends upon the specifics of the application location. For instance, if your application site is located near water such as a lake, river, ditch, pond, or canal, does the pesticide label state any restrictions to applying close to these features? Most pesticide labels state restrictions against applications near water unless an adequate set-back or buffer distance is provided. Additionally, the label may state other restrictions, such as application near residential areas, maximum wind speed allowed for application, equipment or nozzle restrictions, and temperature restrictions. Most modern labels have a specific section within the label that states many of the restrictions the pesticide has for application, but not all labels have this section. It is sometimes necessary to check the entire label to find all of a pesticide's restrictions.

Remember, the label also tells you important health and safety information that is important for applicators and workers that may be affected by the pesticide application. Personal protective equipment and protective clothing, restricted entry information, and first aid information are just some of the safety and health issues addressed by the pesticide label and should be read prior to any application.

It is important that you use only the pesticide for the purposes listed on the label and to follow proper mixing, loading and application recommendations. Based on the label information, you can select a pesticide that is appropriate for use on the host and pest to be controlled. Proper selection and use are important for effective and economical pesticide performance, protecting human and livestock health, and to reduce the impact on the environment.

Contact the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for more information concerning pesticide labels.

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