

**CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET
REDUCED IMPACT SERVICE (RIS)
LAWN & ORNAMENTAL INSECT CONTROL
(REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL SERVICE)**

Your lawn care pest control operator is designated as a Reduced Impact Pest Control operator by the Structural Pest Control Service (SPCS) and has completed training required to qualify for this designation. The goal of Reduced Impact Service is to manage your pest problems while reducing pesticide exposure to people, property and the environment. This service encourages the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods to control pests (weeds) and take advantage of all pest management options, including but not limited to the judicious use of pesticides and non-chemical methods.

An IPM program is one designed to create a healthy lawn and/or landscape with sufficient plant strength and density to survive weed, insect and disease attacks with minimum pesticide use. An IPM program must consider your lawn or landscape needs and overall condition. An IPM program requires the support of proper cultural practices including consideration of the following: Proper mowing practices, regular watering at a rate that ensures retained moisture levels throughout the root zone, core aeration to promote root development and reduced soil compaction, programmed seeding, sodding, plugging, or sprigging to enhance lawn density and to enhance appearance by controlling incursions of undesirable grasses and weeds, soil testing, fertilization to provide essential nutrients which may be deficient in your lawn. PH balancing treatments (lime or sulfur) to achieve proper soil acidity levels and improves nutrient absorption. Regular inspection of lawn areas for early detection of pest presence is essential to IPM.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is using the best mix of cultural techniques, use of beneficial insects, biological controls, and discreet use of control products. A customer's cooperation in mowing, watering, and regular inspections for early detection between our service visits is important to the success of the IPM care of your property.

To minimize the reliance on pesticides and reduce pest populations, your Reduced Impact Pest Control operator may recommend that you consider cultural practices like changing the varieties of your turf and/or ornamentals. Proper mowing, aeration, watering, or pruning can affect the health of the turf or plant. Your lawn and ornamental operator may offer these services upon request. A proper inspection will provide the information necessary for you to choose the method of pest control which best suits your situation. Your acceptance of a certain percentage of weed or insect damage can effect to what degree most pesticides are used.

This Reduced Impact Service will include an inspection report and treatment recommendations. You should review these before authorizing treatment, and keep a copy for your records. Your cooperation in following the recommendations made by your service provider is essential to an effective reduced impact service program.

Pesticides may be used in a responsible and professional manner in a Reduced Impact Service. If you do not want a specific pesticide used or any pesticides used, you must note this in writing prior to the initiation of the service.

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPLIES TO YOU--
WHETHER OR NOT YOU SELECT REDUCED IMPACT SERVICE:**

Pesticides must be registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Department of Agriculture before they may be used in Texas.

If you have any questions about the application, contact the certified applicator. If you suspect a violation of the law regarding structural pest control, contact the Structural Pest Control Service.

If you are contracting for pest control services due to a home solicitation, you have the right to cancel the contract within 72 hours. You may exercise this right by notifying the pest control company, prior to receiving service, that you do not wish to receive their service.

For general information on the chemical or health properties of pesticides you may contact the National Pesticide Information Center Telecommunications Network at 1-800-858-7378. This hotline is a national service supported by funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For information concerning structural pest control laws, contact the Structural Pest Control Service at 866-918-4481. For information concerning the formulation and registration of pesticides, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 463-7476.

For non-emergency health information relating to pesticides, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services at (512) 458-7111.

In case of a health emergency, seek immediate medical attention.