

Free forum set Dec. 5 to discuss new technologies in integrated pest management

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Summary: A free forum on new technologies in pesticide education, weeds and insect management will be offered Dec. 5 in Bozeman.

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BOZEMAN – A free forum on new technologies in pesticide education, weeds and insect management will be offered Thursday, Dec. 5, in Bozeman.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comfort Inn. Those who wish to attend should pre-register by contacting Montana State University Pesticide Education Specialist Cecil Tharp at ctharp@montana.edu or (406) 994-5067.

The program will be worth four private applicator credits, as well as three commercial/government credits in the categories of aerial, dealer, ag plant pest, forest pest, ornamental and turf, right of way, and regulatory weed.

The agenda is:

10 a.m. – Welcome.

10:10 a.m. – Using technologies in pesticide education. Presentation by Tharp. Technologies to be discussed include web resources, digital tools and mobile apps.

11 a.m. -- Break.

11:15 a.m. – How to effectively and efficiently identify your pest with a digital diagnosis. Presentation by MSU Plant Pathologist Mary Burrows.

Noon: -- Catered lunch.

1 p.m. – Using technology when making weed management decisions. Presentation by Cropland Weed Specialist Fabian Menalled and Invasive Plant Specialist Jane Mangold.

1:45 p.m. – Integrated Pest Management Technology in and around the home and garden. Presentation by Extension Horticulture Specialist Toby Day.

2:30 p.m. – Open forum where audience members will discuss new technologies – what works and what doesn't.

3 p.m. – Adjourn.

The forum is co-sponsored by MSU Extension and Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education).

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