Plant Bed Calculations & Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Plant Beds

Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance (LCLM) Pesticide Applicator Certification Workshop

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Love the Math!

We want to learn how to do the following:

- Determine Square Feet in a Rectangular plant bed
- Determine Square Feet in a Square plant bed
- Determine Square Feet in a Circular plant bed
- Determine Square Feet in a Triangular plant bed

WHY?

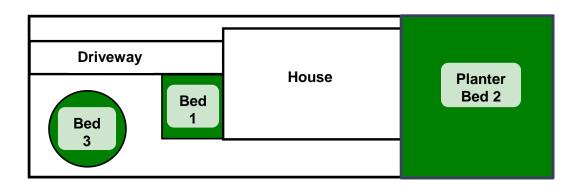
WHY?

Because we need to know them to calculate how much pesticide to use for weed, insect, disease or other pest management

Questions on Calculations for Square Footage?



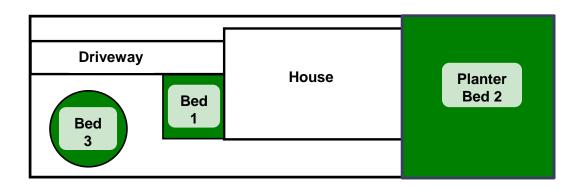
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How many square feet are in the square planter bed 1?

Area of a square = Length X Width Planter Bed 1 is 20 feet by 20 feet, so: 20 feet X 20 feet = **400 ft**²

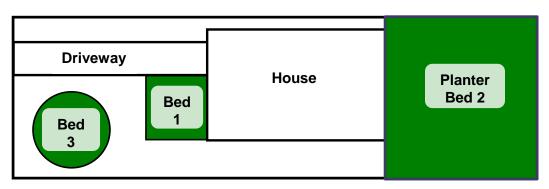
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2. How many square feet are in the <u>rectangular</u> planter bed 2?

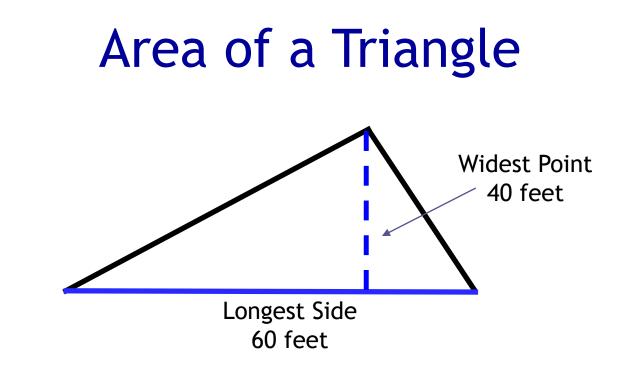
Area of a rectangle is the same as a square = Length X Width Planter Bed 2 is 45 X 50 feet, so 45 feet X 50 feet = **2,250 ft**²

Using This Yard



How many square feet are in the circular planter bed 3?

Area of a rectangle is Pi X R² (the same as 3.14 X Radius X Radius) Radius is half the diameter Diameter is the distance across the widest spot on the circle Planter Bed 3 Diameter in example is 20 feet, so R = 20/2 = 10Pi X $10^2 = 3.14 \times 10 \times 10 = 314 \text{ ft}^2$

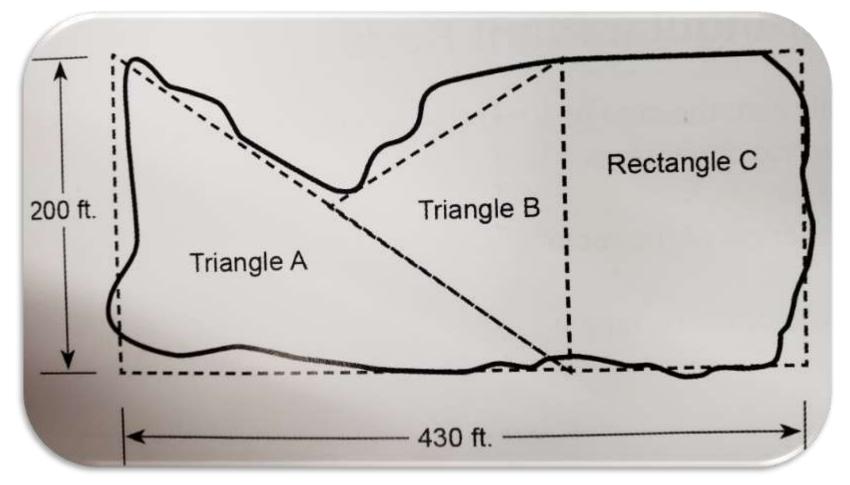


How many square feet in a triangle?

Area of a triangle: (longest side X length at widest point)/2

Area = 60 feet X 40 feet / 2 = 1,200 ft²

How about odd shaped properties?



Break up into shapes you can figure and add together

Calibrating Calculations

<u>How many ounces of herbicide</u> are needed to make 3 gallons of a 2% solution spray?



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How many ounces of herbicide are needed to make 3 gallons of a 2% solution spray?

Divide by 100 to convert percent to decimal Ex. for 1%

- 2/100 = 0.02

(Note: 128 ounces in 1 gallon)

• 0.02 X 128 oz. per gallon = 2.6 oz.

- 2.6 oz. X 3 gal. = 7.8 ounces

2% of every gallon is herbicide

A plant bed containing 18 variegated ginger plants has spider mites. The miticide labeled rate is <u>3 fluid ounces per gallon</u> of water applied as "spray to wet".

With just water in your backpack sprayer, you determine that it requires 12 seconds to spray an average size plant. When you spray for 12 seconds into a bucket, you collect 10 ounces of water. How much insecticide will be needed for this entire job?

What do you know?

1 Rate is 1 gallon of water with 3 ounces of product

> **2** • You have 18 plants to treat at 12 seconds per plant to spray

In 12 seconds you fill the bucket with 10 ounces of water

> That means that each plant receives 10 ounces of water or 180 ounces for all of them







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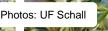














Now what?

Convert 180 ounces to gallons
 128 ounces = 1 gallon

180 ounces ÷128 ounces per gal.

= <u>1.4 gallons</u> of water needed to treat 18 plants

Label rate is 3 ounces per gallon
 1.4 gal. x 3 ounces = <u>4.2 ounces</u>

 Add 1.4 gallons of water and 4.2 ounces of product to treat your plants.



Quantities Too Small to Measure with Teaspoon Convert to milliliters (ml) 1 fluid ounce = 29.6 milliliters (ml)

How much insecticide should be mixed into a full 16-ounce hand-held compressed air spray bottle to prepare a 0.5% spray solution?

Convert 0.5% to a decimal:
 So, 0.5 ÷100 = 0.005



- 0.005 X 16 ounces of water = 0.08 ounces
- 0.08 ounces X 29.6 ml = 2.37 ml
- if you were trying to do teaspoons, this would be just under ½ teaspoon. However, it becomes more important when you drop below 1/4 or 1/8 teaspoon

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20

15

10

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Integrated Pest Management

- Developed in 1950s to reduce pesticide use, environmental contamination, & pesticide resistance
- Combines cultural, biological, genetic, mechanical/physical & <u>chemical</u> <u>controls</u>

Objectives to:

 Reduce pest management expenses, conserve energy, & reduce exposure risks for people, animals & the environment





Integrated Pest Management

Emphasis should be on preventative practices like:

- Sanitation (e.g. weed control; plant debris removal
- Proper fertilization
- Proper irrigation
- Proper pruning
- Etc.

Basically trying to create a strategy combining the best tools (safest, most effective, & most economical) to <u>manage</u> pest or diseases



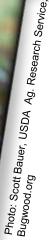


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Scouting (monitoring)

- Must be systematic weekly typically optimal – why?
- Monitor pest outbreaks for early detection & learn when they most frequently occur
- Monitor pest densities or disease severity
- Monitor for "natural enemies"
- Look for the "unusual" what appears to be a problem

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Scouting also take into account

- Growth & health of plant
- Weather conditions
- Environment around plants
- Keep records of your findings



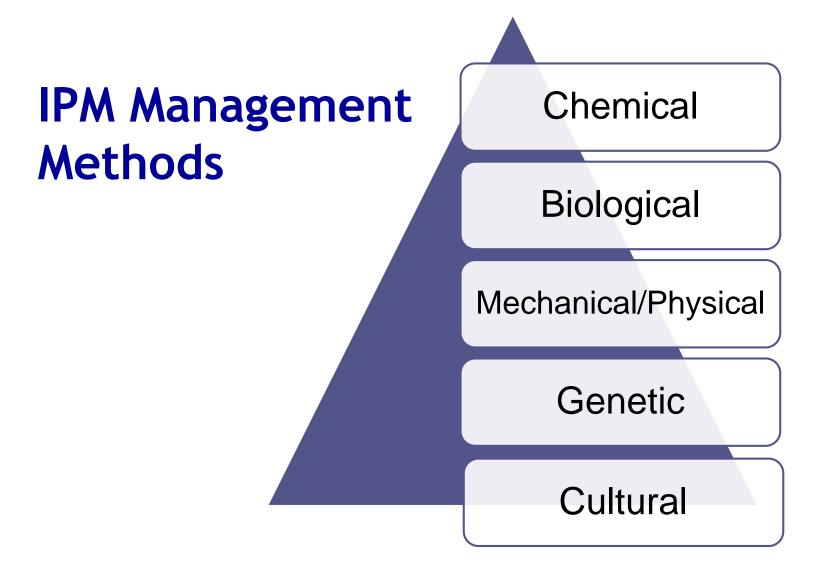


The first step in an IPM program **Identify Pests Correctly** – why?

- Take the time for proper ID
 - Labs
 - Extension agents
 - Consultants
 - Web or other reference sources EDIS:

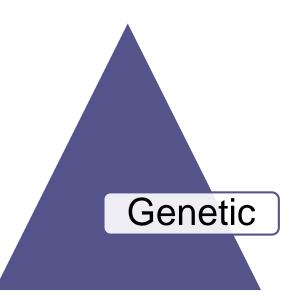
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IPM Management Methods - Genetic Example: Plant breeding to be resistant

- Turfgrass
- Impatiens
- Crape Myrtle
- Etc.





Follow Control Action Guidelines - methods include Cultural

- Right Plant/Right Place
- Plant pest-resistant material
- Use pest free seeds & plants
- Mulch
- Sanitize Equipment
- Reduce compacted soil



- Prepare planting sites
- Observe planting dates
- Be tolerant
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Watering

You are trying to apply just enough to wet the root zone

- 1/2 to 3/4 inch wets our fine sands to about 12 or 14 inches – this should be the maximum amount applied per irrigation
- About 1 inch total, including rainfall per week is optimal
- Newly planted material will require more until established



Mechanical/Physical Examples

- Chop out weeds, or remove diseased branch
- Clean leaves & plant debris off ground, etc.
- No scalping
- No lion-tailing or hatracking trees or over-shearing shrubs



Follow Control Action Guidelines

Biological Examples

- Release or conservation (protection) of natural enemies like predator or parasitoid insects or pathogens to attack pest
- Treat only infested areas
- Recognize all stages of beneficial insects
- Avoid broad spectrum insecticides when possible
- Soil drench may be softer on beneficials than leaf sprays



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Follow Control Action Guidelines Biological – Beneficial Insects

Convergent Lady Beetle & Molted Exoskeletons & Larva

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Follow Control Action Guidelines Biological – Beneficial Insects

Parasitoid wasp attacking fall armyworm (caterpillar)

Follow Control Action Guidelines Biological – Beneficial Insects or pest?



Photo: University of Florida

Red Imported Fire Ants

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Follow Control Action Guidelines

Chemical – Use of pesticides. They are not generally considered "natural" control

- Biorational considered softer forms of pesticides
 - **Examples**
 - Insecticidal soaps & oils
 - ■Bt
 - Pyrethrum



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More Control Action Guideline Terms

- Aesthetic Injury Level how much damage will customer put up with
- Highly maintained landscapes have a lower aesthetic injury level threshold
 Another way to look at it – at what level does the plant look so bad that treatment is necessary?
- Treatment Thresholds relates to the number of pests on a plant or disease severity that trigger your treatment. Example: controlling ficus whitefly when you see the insect, but before the hedge defoliates



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- Timing an example is when insects are still young and numbers are low – like caterpillars. Another example, applying fungicide before symptoms are seen
 - What if rain is headed in? Answer – Washes off, and possible leaching
- Eradication try to wipe the pest out. Almost always impossible
- Suppression reduce pest numbers to acceptable levels - not eradication - ficus whitefly again is another good example



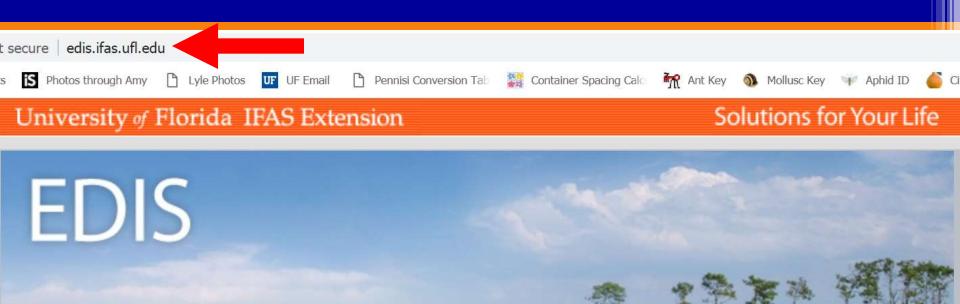
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Southeastern U.S. Pest Control Guide for Nursery Crops and Landscape Plantings



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Levels of IPM again, lets review

Eradication – eliminating pest completely

Monitoring – observing a population

Prevention – stopping a pest population before it starts

Suppression – reducing pests to an acceptable level



Use integrated methods combined into a strategy



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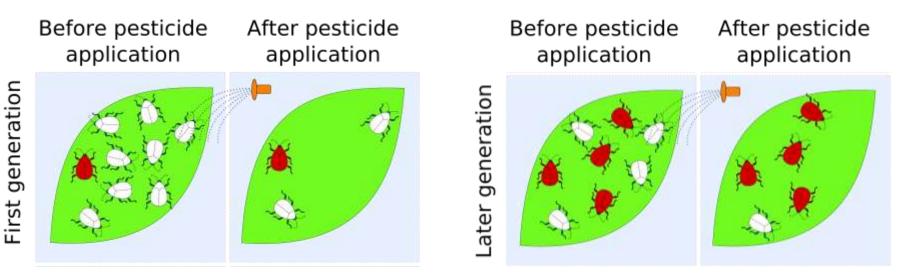


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Understanding Pesticide Resistance



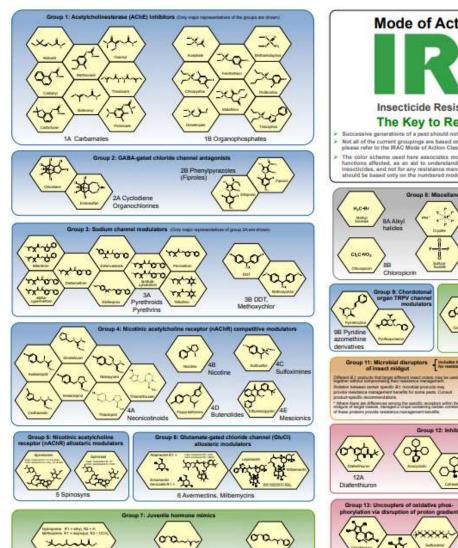
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- Applying doses that are too low to kill most of the insects (sub-lethal) also contributes in a secondary way

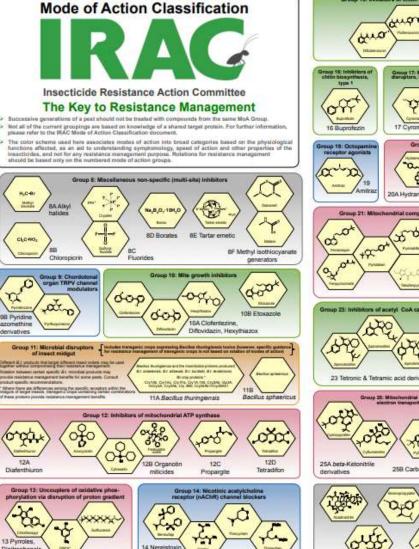
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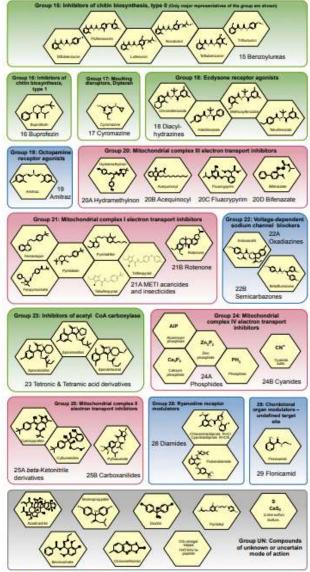
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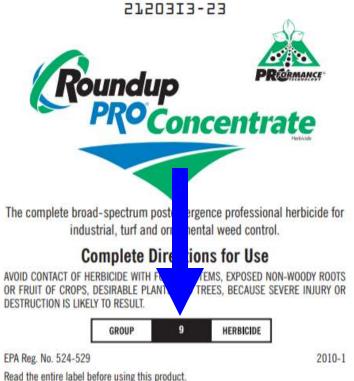
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DOMESTIC ANIMALS: This product is considered to be relatively nontoxic to dogs and other domestic animals; however, ingestion of this product or large amounts of freshly sprayed vegetation may result in temporary gastrointestinal irritation (vomiting, diarrhea, colic, etc.). If such symptoms are observed, provide the animal with plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. Call a veterinarian if symptoms persist for more than 24 hours.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear: long-sleeved shirt and long pants, shoes plus socks. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If there are no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240 (d) (4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

IMPORTANT: When reduced PPE is worn because a closed system is being used, handlers must be provided all PPE specified above for "applicators and other handlers" and have such PPE immediately available for use in an emergency, such as a spill or equipment breakdown.

User Safety Recommendations

Reducing Resistance

- Hundreds of fungi, weed & insect species worldwide have developed pesticide resistance
- Rotate products with different modes of action, not just different names
- The larval, nymph or instars (juvenile stages) are the most susceptible to chemicals



Horticultural soaps and oils

- Oil light-weight and petroleum based generally recommended
- Both work best when contact pests
- Once dried they have little effect on pest or pollinators (bees)
- Reasonable control of armored scales, aphids, whiteflies, mites, and caterpillars – usually with repeat applications
- Can cause phytotoxicity if applied during high humidity (oil) or high temps (soap and oil) (90°F on most labels as limit)





What About Bees?

- The western honey bee is the most important pollinator of many of our food crops
- Several ways to protect bees
- On many products, bee toxicity is contained in the Environmental Hazards section of the label
- Neonicotinoids (imidacloprid, dinotefuran, clothianidin, thiamethoxam) have "bee boxes" on the labels and are considered highly toxic to bees
- Imidacloprid is the most commonly used of the neonicotinoids

Bee Advisory Box on Neonicotinoids



PROTECTION OF POLLINATORS APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS EXIST FOR THIS PRODUCT BECAUSE OF RISK TO BEES AND OTHER INSECT POLLINATORS. FOLLOW APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS FOUND IN THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE TO PROTECT POLLINATORS.

Look for the bee hazard icon



in the Directions for Use for each application site for specific use restrictions and instructions to protect bees and other insect pollinators.

This product can kill bees and other insect pollinators.

Bees and other insect pollinators will forage on plants when they flower, shed pollen, or produce nectar. Bees and other insect pollinators can be exposed to this pesticide from:

- Direct contact during foliar applications, or contact with residues on plant surfaces after foliar applications
- Ingestion of residues in nectar and pollen when the pesticide is applied as a seed treatment, soil, tree injection, as well as foliar applications.

When Using This Product Take Steps To:

- Minimize exposure of this product to bees and other insect pollinators when they are foraging on pollinator attractive plants around the application site.
- Minimize drift of this product on to beehives or to off-site pollinator attractive habitat. Drift of this product onto beehives or off-site to pollinator attractive habitat can result in bee kills.

Information on protecting bees and other insect pollinators may be found at the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship website at: http://pesticidestewardship.org/PollinatorProtection/Pages/default.aspx.

Pesticide incidents (for example, bee kills) should immediately be reported to the state/tribal lead agency. For contact information for your state, go to: www.aapco.org/officials.html. Pesticide incidents should also be reported to the National Pesticide Information Center at: <u>www.npic.orst.edu</u> or directly to EPA at: <u>beekill@epa.gov</u>

Several ways to protect bees

- Try not to spray between the hours of 8:00
 AM 5:00 PM when bees are most active
- Bees fly when air temperatures are above 55° F or 60° F
- Try to avoid treating just before or during flowering, or when you see bee activity
- Tank mixes tend to be more damaging than single insecticides
- Longer lasting insecticide formulations or microencapsulated formulations can be more damaging

Pesticides AI's considered less toxic to bees

Depends on how they are used, of course

- Insecticidal Soap
- Insecticidal Oil
- Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis)
- Azadirachtin (neem)
- Spinosad (Conserve, etc.)
- Chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn)
- Acetamiprid (Tristar)
- Insect growth regulators
- Many miticides

Questions on IPM?



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