



ABOUT NCPMA

The North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) is a nonprofit, professional association dedicated to representing the pest management professionals across North Carolina and providing the general public with the most up-to-date pest management information.

- Founded in 1952 resulting in a 60+ year history of serving the state.
- Works to educate pest professionals statewide and represent and promote the pest management industry.
- Comprised of more than 414 member companies representing companies across North Carolina.
- Ensures its members receive the training and education needed to produce world-class pest professionals.
- Provides continuing education classes for the state's pest management professionals and offers year-round technical and management education for its members through the Pest Control Technician School and regional workshops.
- Hosts one of the nation's largest pest management training schools, the Winter PCT School.
- Serves as a resource to the media and general public about basic pest management issues and needs.



NCPMA's 2011- 12 ACHIEVEMENTS

The North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) works hard for its members and strives to be the best resource for the state's pest management needs. NCPMA is proud of its achievements. The following achievements were accomplished by the association during the 2011-12 membership year:

- Retained 237 active members, 39 allied members and 29 associate members (TOTAL 270).
- The North Carolina Pest Control Education Foundation awarded \$16,000 in college scholarships to five member families.
- Awarded scholarships to both an N.C. State University graduate student and undergraduate student.
- Recognized two winners with the Technician of the Year Award.
- Conducted eight Fall Membership Meetings across the state for members and prospects.
- Conducted six Spring Regional Education Workshops throughout the state.
- Conducted a Leadership Retreat for training of newly-elected NCPMA leadership.
- The Wood-Destroying Insect Accreditation Program has approximately 280 accredited inspectors who have successfully passed course and renewal requirements.
- Designed and published monthly issues of the Tar Heel Pest Management News via email.
- Conducted the Mid-Atlantic Conference with National Pest Management Association and four other states.
- Held the 62nd Annual Pest Control Technicians' School, in cooperation with the North Carolina State University Department of Entomology. Executed the largest School to date with 604 general session attendees, 95 certification training attendees and 35 exhibiting companies and 10 sponsoring companies.



CHANGES IN PEST MANAGEMENT

There is a lot more to pest management than just exterminating pests. Pest management technicians are highly skilled and trained professionals.

How has the industry evolved in North Carolina?

- It's a lot more than just exterminating pests in houses. There are businesses such as restaurants, manufacturing plants, hospitals, etc. where some pests (such as roaches and rodents) may spread diseases or pathogens like *Salmonella*.
- Exterminating usually means spraying a chemical to most people. The pest management industry looks to solve pest problems using the most effective methods while reducing the risk of pesticide exposure to people.
- In some cases, "extermination" may mean using nothing more than a sticky trap. What today's pest management industry provides to people is its expertise in identifying a pest problem and then knowing how to solve the problem using a one of a variety of methods.
- Members of the North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) are dedicated to providing the most up-to-date pest management methods to customers and realize that no two cases are the same.
- NCPMA members use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods when possible. IPM uses environmentally friendly pest management methods that reduce the use of chemicals.



Discussion Topics

The North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) works to be a resource for the North Carolina general public and media as it relates to pest issues. The association is available for interviews and can provide information and visuals on the following topics:

- Bed Bugs
- New Pests including Kudzu Bugs and Asian Needle Ants
- Termites and other Wood Destroying Insects
- Green pest management techniques
- Fire Ants
- Stinging Insects
- Pest management techniques to utilize during spring cleaning
- Spiders, mice and rats
- Ants and other pests coming indoors during the summer months