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# NEWS ROUNDUP

## IPM in Schools - May 2018

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## National School Nurse Day!

School nurses are the champions of student health. Join us in celebrating their contributions to student health on May 9th for National School Nurse Day. More information on the event can be found [here](#). Nurse specific school IPM training can be accessed for free on the *Stop School Pests* [website](#).



## Texas Schools Receive IPM Star Certification

Four Texas schools have been awarded IPM Star certification in recognition of their commitment to integrated pest management. The IPM Star certification consists of a rigorous, 37-point evaluation of a school's pest management practices. These certifications demonstrate Texas's dedication to providing a healthy school environment. The full press release can be found [here](#). For more information on IPM Star, visit the IPM Institute [website](#).



## Composting for Sports Fields Webinar

**WHEN:** May 15th, 2018, 11 AM - 12 PM CST

**WHERE:** Webinar series at [GoToWebinar](#)

**WHO:** Panelists include Benjamin Krumstok and Vytas Pabedinskas from the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition, and Dan Dinelli from the North Shore Country Club.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Managers of turf and other lands including those of Park and School Districts, Municipalities, Policymakers, Non-profits, and Corporate Campuses.

**SUMMARY:** Learn how to apply nutrient-rich compost into sports turf landscapes! Our panelists cover compost sourcing, creation, application, and best practices. Leave this webinar prepared to incorporate this brown gold amendment to your NLC and IPM program that both improves grass health and soil structure.

The Midwest Grows Green Lawn & Land Forum is a collaboration between MPAC and the Illinois Sports Turf Managers Association and funded by the North Central IPM Center to document, summarize, and improve the state of Integrated Pest Management and Natural Lawn Care policies and practices locally, regionally, and nationally. All summaries, findings, and resources developed from this forum will remain open source to turf managers, policymakers, and individuals interested in applying IPM policies and programs to their work.

**REGISTER FOR FREE AT:** [bit.ly/MGGmay15](http://bit.ly/MGGmay15)

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## Midwest Grows Green Land and Lawn Forum

The [Midwest Pesticide Action Center](#) will host a webinar covering the topic of composting in sports field management on Tuesday, May 15th at 11 am CST. This free webinar is part of Chicago Grows Green Week, a week of public natural lawn care and gardening events throughout Chicagoland, May 11th - 19th.

In this webinar, Benjamin Krumstok and Vytas Pabedinskas from the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition, and Dan Dinelli from the North Shore Country Club, will cover compost sourcing, creation, application and best practices. Register [here](#).



## New Tools to Improve Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

The SHIELD Network has developed a professional training [webinar series](#) comprised of ten, 1-hour, core competency classes meant to help school districts improve IAQ. The EPA website has an *IAQ Tools for Schools* [action kit](#) and a School IAQ Assessment [mobile app](#) available as well.

## Upcoming Events

- May 1, 2018, [Pesticide Resistance Testing to Improve Mosquito Management Webinar](#)
- May 3-4, 2018, [Green Schools Conference & Expo](#), Denver, CO
- May 4, 2018, [All Bugs Good and Bad: Everything You Must Know About Fleas Webinar](#)
- May 5, 2018, [Stoughton Grows Green Day](#), Stoughton, WI
- May 7-11, 2018, [Bark & Ambrosia Beetle Academy](#), University of Florida
- May 9, 2018, [National School Nurse Day](#)
- May 9-11, 2018, [Western Region Biopesticide Meeting](#), Bismarck, ND
- May 11-18, 2018, [Chicago Grows Green Week](#), Chicago, IL
- May 15, 2018, [Midwest Grows Green Land and Lawn Forum Webinar](#)
- May 15, 2018, [Managing Canada Geese and Pigeons Webinar](#)
- May 15-16, 2018, [National Environmental Health Association Vectors and Public Health Pests Virtual Conference](#)
- May 17, 2018, [Clean Air in the Classroom Webinar](#)
- June 1, 2018, [All Bugs Good and Bad: Attracting Pollinators to Our Yards Webinar](#)
- June 6, 2018, [Vector Population Biology Webinar](#)
- June 10-13, 2018, [Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch Meeting](#), Reno, NV
- June 14, 2018, [Integrated Pest Management II: An Advanced Perspective](#), Folsom, CA
- June 30-July 3, 2018, [NASN 50th Annual Conference](#), Baltimore, MD

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