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THE PEST NEWS DEFENSE ROUNDUP

IPM in Schools - February 2019

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NATIONAL PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION MONTH

February is National Pesticide Safety Education Month

February marks the second annual National Pesticide Safety Education Month to reinforce core principles of safe handling and use of pesticides, and to raise awareness of the land-grant university Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEPs). Pesticide safety is an absolute requirement when using the chemical component of IPM.

Read more about Pesticide Safety Education Month [here](#).

Find educational resources on pesticide safety from Pesticide Environmental Stewardship [here](#).



Managing Wildlife on School Campuses

Urban animals can damage property such as buildings, crops, pets, livestock, gardens, or public parks. Wildlife may threaten human health or safety by spreading diseases; through direct attacks; or accidentally, because of collisions with cars, airplanes, or trains.

Learn more about how to identify and manage nuisance wildlife on your school campus from Janet Hurley at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension [here](#).



IPM for Microorganisms with a Focus on Influenza Virus

Facility managers and cleaning professionals in schools have a large role to play in maintaining a healthy indoor environment for students and staff! Good health habits and proper cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing can limit the spread of the flu virus.

Learn more about how to combat the flu virus in the latest University of Arizona School IPM Newsletter [here](#).

Upcoming Events

February 1, 2019 [All Bugs Good and Bad Open Forum on IPM \(You Have Questions, We Have Answers!\)](#)

February 1-April 30, 2019 [National Green Week](#), Green Education Foundation

February 6, 2019 [TASB School IPM Coordinator Victoria](#), Victoria, TX

February 7, 2019 [Rodents II - Prevention and Control Webinar](#)

February 11-14, 2019 [Weed Science Society of America](#), New Orleans, LA

February 20, 2019

February 25-March 1, 2019 [Turfgrass Management and Ecology Short Course](#), College Station, TX

February 28, 2019 [School IPM Coordinator Training Region 8 ESC](#), Pittsburg, TX

March 1, 2019 [All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: Emerald Ash Borer](#)

March 27, 2019 [TASB School IPM Coordinator Training Region 9](#), Wichita Falls, TX

April 2-3, 2019 [School IPM Coordinator Training](#), Wylie, TX

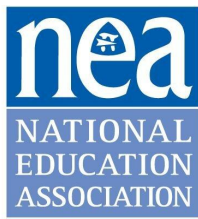
April 5, 2019 [All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: SSSSnakes, Identification and Environmental Importance](#)

April 8-9, 2019 [Green Schools Conference & Expo](#), Saint Paul, MN

April 24, 2019 [2nd Arizona School IPM Conference](#), Phoenix, AZ

See more events in our online [Event Calendar!](#)

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