
Management of Wood-destroying Pests

**A Guide for Commercial Applicators
Category 7B**

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INTRODUCTION

How to Use This Manual

This manual contains the information needed to become a certified commercial applicator in Category 7B, Wood-destroying Pests. This manual is intended for use in combination with the *Pesticide Applicator Core Training Manual* (Extension Bulletin E-2195), available through the Michigan State University Bulletin Office. However, this manual would also be useful to anyone interested in learning more about the management of wood-destroying pests.

Category 7B, Wood-destroying Pests, covers the management and control of wood-destroying pests that become problems in and around buildings. The chapters contain basic scientific information as well as guidelines for practical solutions to pest control problems.

The Category 7B certification exam will be based on information found in this booklet. Each chapter begins with a set of learning objectives that will help you focus on what you should get out of the chapter. The table of contents will help you identify important topics and understand how they relate to one another through the

organization of headings and subheadings. As you prepare for the exam, read each chapter and answer the review questions located at the end. These questions are not on the certification exam. They are provided to help you prepare for the exam. Questions on the exam will pertain directly to the learning objectives.

The appendices and glossary, including an answer key (Appendix A), at the end of this manual provide supplemental information that will help you understand the topics covered in the chapters. Terms throughout the manual text that are bold and italicized can also be found in the glossary.

This certification manual benefits the applicator and the general public. By learning how to handle pesticides correctly, applicators will be able to protect themselves, others, and the environment from pesticide misuse. For more specific information on how to become a certified applicator in Michigan, refer to the beginning of the core manual (E-2195) or to the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Web site at <<http://www.mda.state.mi.us>>.