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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: NEW MAINTENANCE GARDENER PEST CONTROL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS POCKET GUIDE AND WEB PAGE

Introduction To better ensure that maintenance gardeners (MG) understand and are able to successfully obtain pesticide use certification, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has developed new resources: a full-color pocket guide; an easy-to-navigate Web page; and additional Spanish language information.

Pocket Guides The new *Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Certification Requirements* pocket guide was completed with the help of County Agricultural Commissioner staff and industry professionals. Each pocket guide includes information in both English and Spanish. This unique resource leads the prospective applicator through the certification process—from identifying which type of license/certificate is needed, to applying for a MG pest applicator certificate, to studying and taking the exam, to getting their certificate. It also describes how to license their MG business, register with the county(ies) they work in and obtain continuing education required for certificate renewal.

Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Certification Web Page DPR also recently developed a new Web page aimed at helping MGs get certified and to give them additional information on certification and licensing, pesticide use, and pest management. You can find the MG Pest Control Certification Web page at: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/maintgardeners.htm>. Resources on the Web page include exam study materials (study guide, workbook, and online training modules) focused on preparing the MG applicant to take and pass their qualified applicator certificate exam in subcategory Q: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/maintgardeners/certificate.htm>. The majority of these resources are available in both English and Spanish language.

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**Spanish
Language
CE Courses**

Another recent addition to DPR's Web page is a list of continuing education (CE) courses available in Spanish:
<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/spanish/CE_Spanish_classes.pdf>.

Note that DPR currently updates this list when new Spanish language CE courses are approved.

**Availability and
Ordering**

With this letter, DPR has enclosed 25 pocket guides for each county's use. We hope that you find these pocket guides a useful resource. If you would like additional guides please contact Paul Verke <Paul.Verke@cdpr.ca.gov> or Cynthia Ray <Cindy.Ray@cdpr.ca.gov> and note how many copies you would like to receive. This guide can also be viewed and downloaded from the DPR Web site:
<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/maintgardeners/maintenance_gardener_cert.pdf>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Certification Requirements Pocket Guides

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