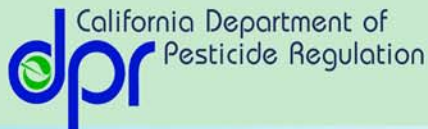




Brown Bag Lunch Presentation REDUCING PESTICIDES IN PARKS: City of Davis and City of San Jose

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CAL EPA Training Room
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REDUCING PESTICIDES IN PARKS

City of Davis Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program

Davis began its IPM program in the late 1980s inspired by the statewide IPM program in agriculture based at the University of California, Davis, and in response to citizen concerns about the use of pesticides in public places. The city was awarded a 2008 IPM Innovator Award by DPR for its citywide efforts to reduce pesticide use.

City of San Jose Pesticide-Free Park and Demonstration Gardens at Guadalupe River Park

*In 2010, DPR awarded San Jose an alliance grant for the **Pesticide-Free Park and Demonstration Gardens at Guadalupe River Park**. With help from the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, San Jose is creating a model, pesticide-free urban park at the 4.5-acre Courtyard Gardens. The gardens are located in the heart of downtown San Jose. The city uses IPM strategies exclusively, including a weed-prevention test area and a squirrel-control program. The demonstration gardens were designed to resemble yards of typical single-family homes and to convey IPM principles through interpretive signs and self-guided tours, brochures, podcasts and cell phone apps. Residents will learn how to replace lawns with drought-tolerant plants that reduce energy and water use as well as provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects.*

SPEAKER BIOS

Martin Guerena, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, City of Davis

Martin Guerena has been the IPM specialist for Davis since 2007. Prior to his work with the city, Mr. Guerena was a sustainable agriculture specialist with the National Center for Appropriate Technology's (NCAT's) National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service (formerly ATTRA). Mr. Guerena holds a bachelor's from UC Davis and a master's in agriculture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and is a Certified Pest Control Adviser.

James Downing, Supervising Environmental Services Specialist, City of San Jose

James Downing is a supervising environmental services specialist in San Jose's Environmental Services Department, Watershed Protection Division. Mr. Downing has a bachelor's in aquatic biology and a master's in marine science. He has 20 years of experience in water quality research, regulation and management, primarily focusing on activities to preserve and enhance aquatic resources in the urban environment.

Sanhita Ghosal, Associate Environmental Services Specialist, City of San Jose

Sanhita Ghosal is an environmental services specialist in San Jose's Environmental Services Department, Watershed Protection Division, and has been managing the city's IPM Program for the past three years. Her duties include promoting IPM in municipal operations among various departments within the city, and creating and implementing education and outreach opportunities to promote urban IPM adoption. She has a master's in urban planning, a master's and a bachelor's in architecture and is a LEED green associate. Ms. Ghosal has been working in urban and environmental planning for the past eight years.

***The presentation will take place in the CAL EPA training room, 1001 I Street, first floor, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and is open to the public. RSVP by June 12 to pverke@cdpr.ca.gov (916) 445-4300.**