

Beyond Pesticides:

Getting the Alternatives You Need

A national directory to provide a comprehensive listing of least and non-toxic services covering home and garden, structural pest control, agriculture, extension services (that are working with alternatives) and product suppliers.

O.K. You're concerned about pesticide hazards and want to use alternative practices and/or products and services. You care about the global environment and getting your community and communities across the nation and anywhere in the world off the pesticide treadmill. Where do you go? You or someone you know has identified a problem — termites, ants, an array of weeds. It may be that your school, city parks and recreation areas, or neighbor is using pesticides. If you don't want to do it yourself, where can you find the local, regional and national assistance to turn this situation around?



Everyday at the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP) we hear from people who want to do the right thing when facing an existing or preventing a potential pest problem. To better promote alternative pest management methods, NCAMP is assembling a national directory that will help increase local and national efforts to take the pesticides out of pest control and identify local service providers who are doing it right. Our list is already growing, but it needs your input.

We would like to know what has worked for you so that we can pass it on to others. Tell us what you are doing and how you have succeeded by putting us in touch with local or national companies, a pest control advisor (could be an extension agent or private company), and/or a supplier. Provide us with examples of sites that have had success with alternative approaches —your school, golf course, parks, home, city, etc.

In this day and age where businesses want to project a “green” image, it is important to evaluate exactly what is going on with companies that are providing the alternatives to pesticides.

Help us move beyond pesticides.

Attached you will find a survey form that can be used to ensure that the directory contains accurate and complete information. Please either fill out the form or pass it directly to the company being listed. We have set the end of 1998 as the publication date for the first edition, so please return the form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact NCAMP at 202-543-5450 or ncamp@ncamp.org.

Sincerely,

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DEAR PEST MANAGEMENT/LAWN CARE SERVICE PROVIDER,

The National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP) is a national membership organization of grassroots groups and people established to identify hazards of commonly used pesticides, and reduce and where possible eliminate unnecessary use of pesticides through the adoption of safe alternatives.

NCAMP receives thousands of calls a year from people seeking advice about pest problems. In many cases, they cannot locate a pest management or lawn care operator willing to offer them a least or non-toxic method of control or prevention. NCAMP would like to link this large number of people with companies and services that can provide these alternatives, and for this reason we are compiling a national directory entitled *Beyond Pesticides: Getting the Alternatives You Need*. This directory will help companies advertise their alternatives to the people who are concerned about pesticide use and exposure and its impact on public health and the environment.

It is in the public's interest to see the growth of businesses committed to environmentally sound practices and information. Help us spread the word and promote alternatives in communities across the country.

If you have any questions please call NCAMP at (202) 543-5450. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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(Please attach additional sheets with responses. Thank you.)

Name _____ Title _____

Company Name _____ Office/Department _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email/Website _____

I. Services/Product/IPM Description

How would you describe the full range of your company's products and/or services?

Please describe your business in 200 words or less, to be printed in the directory listing.

Please indicate whether you provide services/products in the following categories:

residential; school; commercial; landscape; structural; golf course; other (please list)

What is your definition of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)?

Is pest management performed on a specific schedule? If so, what specifically is done on a schedule, how often, and for what pest problems?

How are pest problems identified? Are pest populations monitored before and after implementing controls? If yes, how are they monitored?

II. Tools and Practices/Materials that You Use/Sell.

What practices do you use to prevent and/or control pests? _____

Do you use biological controls? If yes, what kinds? _____

Do you use borates? If yes, in what capacity? _____

Do you use synthetic chemicals? If yes, please list them. _____

What are the top ten pesticides that your company uses/sells/recommends? _____

If pesticides are used, how much is used per year of each, and how are they applied? _____

Do you do habitat modification? If so, please provide an example. _____

Do you use any physical or mechanical controls? If so, please provide an example. _____

III. Approach to Specific Pest Problems

What does your company usually use/sell/recommend for addressing:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean and/or drywood termites _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Ants (indoors) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Crabgrass _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cockroaches _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter Ants _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Dandelions _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fleas _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Ants _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

IV. Lawn Care only

Please list the type of fertilizers your company uses/sells/recommends. _____

V. Evaluation

How do you evaluate the effectiveness of your pest management systems? _____

VI. References

Please provide at least two references for your company from your customer list. _____

Please return this form to the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides,
701 E Street, SE, Washington DC 20003 as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation.