

## Insecticide Application BMPs

- Identify your pest to be sure the management method(s) you choose will be effective
- Inform home or business owner of preventative and/or nonchemical methods & practices they could use to reduce the infestation:
  - Remove sources of food, water, and shelter
  - Block entry points using barriers, screens, caulk, etc.
  - Locate & destroy nests
  - Utilize traps, if appropriate
- Consult with client on choice of pesticide, if applicable.
- Choose pesticide product & application method for the specific pest
  - Always read and follow label directions
  - *Example:* fumigation for dry-wood termites vs. liquid to soil application for subterranean termites.
- Help protect the environment:



- ***Do not contaminate water sources***
  - Do not allow pesticide to enter or runoff into storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters, or surface waters
  - Do not treat impermeable horizontal surfaces that will be exposed to rain and may run-off
  - Follow label instructions on storage, disposal and cleaning of application equipment



- ***Protect beneficial insects, including pollinators***
  - Do not apply, or allow drift, to blooming plants *if bees are present*



- ***Check the weather***
  - Consider current & upcoming weather conditions when selecting the product, formulation and application technique

