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CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET BARK BEETLE

This information sheet expresses no opinion regarding the efficacy of pesticides to prevent bark beetles, a long-term solution to bark beetle infestation, forest management practices, or environmental or health effects pertaining to pesticide use.

What should Consumers know about Bark Beetles?

- There are numerous species of Bark Beetles.
- Different Bark Beetle species infest different Tree species.
- Bark Beetles infest both healthy and stressed trees.
- Stressed trees are generally unable to effectively combat infestation.
- **INFESTED TREES CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY TREATED.**
- Infested trees and debris should be removed to protect other trees from attack.

What should Consumers know about treatment and prevention?

- Bark beetle preventive treatments may be labor and equipment intensive.
- Pesticides used **must** be labeled for use in preventing bark beetles on trees.
- Pesticides **must** be used according to the product Label.
- Preventive treatment is ineffective unless the pesticide is applied properly.
- Hire only licensed companies employing certified applicators using the proper pesticide, application, and elevation equipment to properly perform a treatment.
- Check the Arizona Structural Pest Control Commission's Web site or call the office (see below).
- **OBTAIN MORE THAN ONE BID FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES.**

Where can Consumers obtain more information?

- The Arizona Structural Pest Control Commission (For Licensing Questions)
(602) 255-3664 or (800) 223-0618
<http://www.sb.state.az.us/>
- Tom DeGomez University of Arizona Specialist
(928) 523-8385
<http://ag.arizona.edu/extension/fh>

- Jeff Schalauski University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
(928) 445-6590
<http://ag.arizona.edu/yavapai/>
- Christopher Jones University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
(928) 425-7179
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- A Licensed Pest Control Operator or Certified Arborist