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Gila River Indian Community

Department of Environmental Quality

Pesticide Control Office

124 Skill Center Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147



Summer Time Pest Control

The official start of summer is Friday June 20, 2025! As we get into the full swing of summer and dig out the old camping supplies from the garage, or head out into the backyard pool for a cool dip or barbequing, pests such as scorpions, spiders, flies, & crickets are more visible.

Pests that have been lying dormant during the cooler months are now emerging and foraging for food. If Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies are part of your practices you are well ahead of the game. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) becomes key when you are looking for a more enjoyable indoor and outdoor experience with friends and family.

For IPM principles and some other key pest control tips from the Environmental Protection Agency, click [here](#) for IPM and [here](#) for EPA pest control tips.

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Pesticide Program Updates

We are happy to announce the addition of two new staff, Brian Parker and Bradley Humphrey, who will both be serving as Environmental Inspectors assigned to the Department's Pesticide Program.

Brian attended Eastern Arizona Community College in Thatcher, AZ where he received his Associate of Arts degree in General Studies. After attending Eastern Arizona College, Brian transferred to the University of Arizona where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science.



Brian Parker

Brian brings over 20 years of Hazardous Waste Industry experience from the private sector. In his free time, Brian enjoys spending time with his family, going on hikes, mountain bike riding, trail running and reading. Brian appreciates the opportunity and is looking forward to working for the Gila River Indian Community and learning as much as possible in his new role.



**Bradley
Humphrey**

Bradley is an Arizona native and grew up in the Mesa area, while attending school locally. He joined the Boy Scouts, which set the foundation for his love of camping, fishing and hunting, which even led to competitive shooting. Bradley enjoys barbequing; having run a BBQ vendor booth during the 2010 South Dakota, Sturgis motorcycle rally. He enjoys spending time with his supportive and loving wife and their six children.

Bradley has over 8 years in the pest control industry as an applicator specializing in general pest control, termite inspections and termite treatments. He is excited to be given the opportunity to work for the Gila River Indian Community and his new role as an Environmental Inspector.



GRIC DEQ Smartphone App

Receive Aerial Pesticide and
Fertilizer Application updated
by text message, email, or both!



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Online Payment Portal

The Gila River Indian Community has recently brought on board an online payment portal. You can now pay permit, registration or certification fees by CCARD through the internet.

www.GRICDEQ.org or
www.GRICDEQ.org/Pesticide-Control-Office

Alternatively, payments can be made over the telephone using a CCARD. Please contact our cashier's office at 520-562-9676 for this option.

You'll need to inform the cashier that you are paying an authorization fee with the Pesticide Control Office and reference accounting code: DEQ 35.

Lastly, payments can still be made via check or money order to the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality
PO Box 2139
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Payment should be made out to "GRIC Pesticide Fund".



Compliance Assistance Corner

Ask a pesticide applicator treating landscaped areas what they are using. they often say “Roundup” even when the product may indeed be something other than Roundup.

Roundup is a commercial brand name for a suite of pesticide products manufactured and marketed by Bayer Crop Science. There are many products in this line, Roundup Weed & Grass Killer (Reg. No. 71995-68), Roundup Pro Concentrate (Reg. No. 524-529) and Roundup PowerMAX 3 Herbicide (Reg. No. 524-659), to name a few.

Although they are marketed under the commercial brand name of “Roundup” each product is different and may even have different active ingredients. Not all Roundup products have Glyphosate in their formulation.

The Environmental Protection Agency’s Pesticide Product and Label System, which is available to the public at <https://ordspub.epa.gov/ords/pesticides/f?p=PPLS:1>,

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lists multiple products under this brand; many with unique formulations of active ingredients, unique pesticide labels, and unique EPA Reg. No.

Competing products, which attempt to mimic the active ingredient formulation and mode of action, are also available, and unfortunately are often referred to by applicators as “Roundup”.

Although the product may be similar, these competing products may also have their own unique formulation of active ingredients, their own unique pesticide label and are registered with the EPA with their own unique EPA Reg. No.

It is important to know...When applying pesticide products, it is necessary that applicators be familiar with and follow the pesticide label for the specific product they are using.



Remember, the pesticide label is the law.

Upcoming Training

GRIC Pesticide
Control Office

WPS Training

Community Applicator
Training

Register for the eLearning
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