



# Pesticide Control Office

## Gopher Control Training

**The Pesticide Control Office, along with Target Specialty Products, hosted a specialized training in July for Community Applicators who routinely apply pesticides in the course of their job responsibilities. The training focused on gopher and ground squirrel treatment techniques and control methods.**



**While gophers and ground squirrels are not always a nuisance in most areas, they can present a real problem for the Community's staff who maintain the grounds for public areas, especially recreational fields, such as ballfields. Gophers and ground squirrels dig holes and tunnel systems underground that have the potential to lead to serious injury for people using recreational fields.**



**The four-hour training informed the applicators on gopher and ground squirrel biology, baiting and trapping techniques, and other innovative methods for control.**

**The Pesticide Control Office will continue to coordinate specialized trainings for Community Applicators and Community members as new areas of interest are identified.**

**If you have a topic of interest that you would like to share with us, please visit us on the web at [www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org) or contact the **Pesticide Control Office** at **(520)562-2234****