

2026 Pest Management Professionals Meeting

Vermont's annual trainings for
structural and vector pest
certified applicators

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH

8:00-11:30 AM Structural Pest Session

1:00-4:15 PM Vector Pest Session

Check-in opens 45 minutes before each session.

**Registration fee is \$35 per session,
or \$60 for both sessions.**

Please register at:

<https://go.uvm.edu/pmp26>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 23, 2026.

No late registrations & No walk-ins accepted.

Questions? Please contact sarah.kingsley@uvm.edu | 802-656-0475 | <https://go.uvm.edu/psep>

If you require an accommodation related to a disability, please contact UVM Student Accessibility Services at access@uvm.edu, or (802) 656-7753 at least three (3) weeks prior to the event.

*This program will
provide pesticide
recertification credits:*

- **3.0 Vermont***
**7A,7C (morning
session only)**
- **3.0 Vermont***
**7B,8 (afternoon
session only)**

In order to receive credits, you must be certified in one or more of the listed categories* and you must sign in (scan code) individually, with your Pesticide Applicator ID Number **before start of each session**. You will also have to check in, attend the duration of the session, and sign out (scan code) at the end of the session.

***Credits for comparable categories may be accepted by all New England states by cooperative agreement.**



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-DRAFT AGENDA-

October 1, 2026

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Structural Pest Session

7:15am CHECK-IN -> *Sign in for pesticide credit (scan code)*

Coffee and pastries provided

8:00 Welcome & VAAFM Updates

Sarah Kingsley-Richards, UVM Extension

Steve Dwinell, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

8:15 Eliminate Cockroaches with Assessment Based Management

Dini Miller, Virginia Tech

9:30 ~ break ~

9:45 • Is it a cockroach? Is it a bedbug? What is it and why is it here?

• Cockroaches: Inspection, evaluation, use of monitoring tools

Kevin Moran, Forshaw

11:30 Adjourn

Sign out for pesticide credit (scan code)

~ Lunch on your own between sessions ~

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Vector Pest Session

12:15pm CHECK-IN -> *Sign in for pesticide credit (scan code)*

Coffee and cookies provided

1:00 Welcome & VAAFM Updates

Sarah Kingsley-Richards, UVM Extension

Steve Dwinell, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

1:15 Mosquito & Tick Site Evaluations: What to look at, how to choose best service options, how to determine how much spray mix to use
Brent Phelan, Rollins/Orkin

2:30 ~ break ~

2:45 Mosquito Equipment: Mist blowers and sprayers, proper equipment use and care
Brent Phelan, Rollins/Orkin

3:15 Mosquitoes of Concern in VT
Patti Casey, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

4:15 Adjourn

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-SPEAKER BIOS-

Patti Casey, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Plant Industry Program Manager, patti.casey@vermont.gov

Patti Casey has been the Director of the Environmental Surveillance Program at the VT Agency of Agriculture since 2017, and before that she was the state's Vector Surveillance Coordinator for 5 years. Like many native Vermonters, Patti has had more than one career in her lifetime. She pursued an undergraduate degree in Wildlife Biology at the University of Vermont, received a writing degree from Vermont College of Fine Arts, worked in private industry, the non-profit world, and finally state government. She spent several years touring nationally as a musician and maintains an active music career.

Bethany Creaser, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Plant Industry C&T Coordinator, agr.pest@vermont.gov

Bethany studied horticulture at the University of Maine in the mid-90's. After spending a few years out west, she decided to move back home to VT in 2002, where she joined VAAFM's pesticide section as one of the field inspectors for the northeastern part of VT. In July 2023, Bethany became VAAFM's pesticide certification and training coordinator.

Steve Dwinell, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Plant Industry Division Director, steve.dwinell@vermont.gov

Steve previously worked for the FL Dept. of Ag. & Consumer Services. From 2018 to 2022, he was a Quality Assurance Manager for Rollins, Inc., the parent company of several national pest management brands. Steve has a Masters in Agricultural Entomology from the University of Florida & began his career as an Agricultural Extension Agent in Hamilton County, Florida. He is a past president of Association of Structural Pest Control Officials (ASPCRO), served as co-chair of the Managed Pollinator Protection Plan Committee for the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO), & is currently the co-chair of the AAPCO Endangered Species Act Workgroup.

Sarah Kingsley-Richards, University of Vermont Extension

Pesticide Safety Education Program, sarah.kingsley@uvm.edu

Sarah has been with the University of Vermont Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program since 2012 providing training and education resources for current and prospective pesticide applicators. She also works closely with the UVM Integrated Pest Management Team, Plant Diagnostic Clinic, and the Apple & Grape Research Team. Sarah has degrees in Microbiology & Molecular Genetics and Plant & Soil Science (Agriculture, Landscape, and Environment).

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-SPEAKER BIOS-

Dini Miller, Virginia Tech

Professor Urban Pest Management, dinim@vt.edu

Dini Miller received her undergraduate degree from UCLA in 1991 where she majored in Geography/Ecosystems. She completed her Masters (1994) and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Florida (1998) where she studied Urban Entomology, specifically German cockroach biology and aggregation behavior. Dr. Miller has won numerous awards for her work in urban entomology including the pest control industry's Crown Leadership Award, the Entomological Society of America's (Eastern Branch) Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension, and the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit in Extension.

Kevin Moran, Forshaw

BCE, kevinm@forshaw.com

Kevin received his BS in Entomology from U Mass in 1974, worked as a high school teacher/coach, then as superintendent for Middlesex County Mosquito Control, MA. He was an owner/operator of a pest management firm before joining Residex Distribution in 1982, after which moving to Forshaw Distribution in 2016. He is licensed in all the New England states & has spoken for many pest management professionals, & related industry seminars throughout Engl& for over 35 years & now in 15 other states as well.

Brent Phelan, Rollins/Orkin

BCE MSc, brent.phelan@rollins.com

Brent D. Phelan is Orkin's Northeast Division Technical Director and a board-certified medical & veterinary entomologist. Brent holds a bachelor's degree in animal & veterinary sciences from Clemson University and attended University of Georgia for a master's specializing in veterinary & medical entomology. Post-academia Brent was a pest control technician for TruTech where he conducted wildlife removal and GPC in the Atlanta area. Brent is an expert on the sterile insect technique. having spent most of his career travelling the world training entomologists on the method and conducting mass releases of sterile males as part of IPM programs.

