



## PEST CONTROL INDUSTRY 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 PCOs 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 PCOs 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.
- Only licensed companies employing certified applicators having the proper pesticide, application, and elevation equipment can properly perform a treatment (Consumers have been informed to check the SPCC's Web site or call the office to find out if a company is licensed or if an applicator is certified.)
- PCOs and applicators may need supplemental training in order to treat bark beetles.

### **Where can PCOs obtain more information?**

- The Arizona Structural Pest Control Commission (For Licensing Questions)  
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[www.sb.state.az.us](http://www.sb.state.az.us)
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