

ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

The Enforcement and Compliance Committee under the Plant Health Atlantic Council is responsible for ensuring the credibility of the IPM certification and the accreditation programs and agrees to look into all possible violations, complaints, and enforcement related inquiries. Findings will be brought before the PHAC Executive for a final decision. The Executive has the authority to suspend, revoke, or cancel certification or accreditation under the program for the following reasons.

Reasons for Cancelling Certification or Accreditation

Certified IPM Turf Practitioner

The Executive may suspend, revoke, or cancel an individual's certificate for the following reasons.

1. Failure to annually accumulate a minimum of 8 Continued Education Credits (CEC's) or annually re-pass the examination as set by the Standards Committee, at a minimum 75% score. This requirement will take effect following the first full year of certification.
2. Knowingly present false or misleading information to an auditor in a Desk Audit or during an On-site or Spot Audit.

IPM Accreditation Status

The executive may reduce, suspend, revoke, or cancel IPM Accreditation status of a company for the following reasons.

1. Failure to have a Certified IPM Turf Practitioner on staff for a period of 20 consecutive working days.
2. Failure to follow the **Standards of Practice for Commercial Lawn Care Accreditation**.
3. Failure to annually meet the requirements for maintaining their level of accreditation (See: Requirements of a Full Desk Audit).
4. If at the Baseline or Introductory IPM Accreditation level is found to be using the Plant Health Atlantic - Fully IPM Accredited logo in their promotional material or for any other use.
5. If at the Baseline or Introductory IPM Accreditation level is misrepresenting their status of IPM Accreditation.
6. Knowingly present false or misleading information to an auditor on a Desk Audit or during an On-site or Spot Audit.
7. Knowingly present false or misleading information to a client.
8. Found to be in violation of provincial or federal pesticide legislation.

All inquiries, complaints, and concerns for the IPM related operation of any commercial lawn care company operating in the Atlantic Region that are brought to the attention of the PHAC Administrator will be treated in confidence and investigated by the Enforcement and Compliance Committee.