

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the IPM Certification and Accreditation Program?

The IPM Certification and Accreditation Program is designed to recognize landscape companies, golf courses, municipalities, and other related groups that demonstrate knowledge of, and commitment to, the principles of Integrated Pest Management and plant health for environmentally sustainable turf management.

Do Provincial regulators endorse this level of Accreditation as ‘being enrolled in an acceptable IPM program’?

The New Brunswick Department of the Environment have endorsed (December 2009) the certification and accreditation programs managed by Plant Health Atlantic Council. Facilities issued Baseline IPM Accreditation by PHAC meet the new regulatory requirement. For updated details on the New Brunswick pesticide regulations visit: <http://www.gnb.ca/0009/0369/0024/index-e.asp> Some municipality (e.g, Truro, N.S.) already require contracted lawn care companies to be enrolled in the IPM programs administered by PHAC.

What is my next step if I get ‘Satisfactory’ on my Full Desk Audit?

Your facility is now at the **Introductory IPM Accreditation level** and should contact Plant Health Atlantic (kbrowne@planthealthatlantic.ca) to schedule an auditor to visit your facility for an On-site Audit. **There is no charge for the initial site visit.**

Does the facility immediately loose Accreditation status if the IPM Turf Practitioner leaves?

No! The municipality/golf course/facility will retain their present accreditation status if you have immediately notified the PHA Administrator of their departure and replace them within four (4) weeks (20 working days). Replacement involves hiring an IPM Certified Turf Practitioner or having an existing staff meet the certification requirements (*See: General Information Guide*). PHA recommend having more than one certified turf practitioner on staff.