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**MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTED TOWARDS STRUCTURES -- -- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***This Question & Answer article was created to provide clarification on the type of license that is required to do mosquito control directed towards structures.***

1. What kind of license do I need to treat mosquitoes if the treatment is directed toward a structure or is made in, on, over or under a structure?

*Answer:* If the intended target site of treatment is in a structure, on a structure, over a structure or under a structure such as crawl space or deck, you must have a "P" phase Structural Pest Control (SPC) License.

2. If I am controlling mosquitoes and the treatment is directed towards a garage or gazebo at a residence, what license do I need?

*Answer:* Those sites are all structures and a "P" phase SPC License is required to do mosquito control.

3. If I have a pesticide license in the "Public Health" category, can I do mosquito control in landscape areas away from a structure?

*Answer:* **Yes**, the NC Pesticide Law of 1971 allows you to use your Public Health License to control pests of public health concerns. However, your Public Health License cannot be used to do any pest control in, on, over, or under a structure. Pest control in or on those sites requires a Structural Pest Control License.

4. If I am maintaining an automated pesticide misting system to control mosquitoes at a residence, do I need a Structural Pest Control License?

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*Answer:* **Yes.** If the intent of the misting system is to control mosquitoes in, on, over or under the structure, you are required to have a “P” phase SPC License.

**No.** If the system is set up to control mosquitoes away from the structure, for example: Control of mosquitoes on bushes and lawns can be done with a pesticide license in the Public Health category.

5. I am a full-time employee and my employer asked me to control mosquitoes as part of my job tasks, on his property. What kind of license do I need?

*Answer:* **None.** The SPC Law exempts any person (or the person’s full-time regular employees), doing structural pest control on the person’s own property. No fee may be charged for structural pest control performed by this person. However, if the pesticide to be used is registered as a “Restricted Use Pesticide”, a structural pest control license or certification, or a pesticide license or certification is required to purchase it and to use it.

6. Can I use my “Ornamental and Turf” License to control mosquitoes on my customer’s property?

*Answer:* **No.** Mosquitoes are listed in the NC Structural Pest Control Law as “Structural Pests” and are also considered pests of public health concern under the NC Pesticide Law. Therefore a Structural Pest Control License is required to control mosquitoes in, on, over, or under a structure; or a pesticide license in the category Public Health for control directed to open spaces, shrubs, other plantings, etc. away from a building.

7. Can I use my structural pest control license to do mosquito control in landscaping areas around a structure?

*Answer:* **Yes,** because mosquitoes are listed in the NC Structural Pest Control Law as a “Structural Pest” and the Structural Pest Control law permits those with a “P” phase license to control structural pests in the outside areas of structures. However, you may not advertise to control any pests of ornamentals and turf, unless you are appropriately licensed under the NC Pesticide Law as well.

8. If I have an Ornamental & Turf License, can I advertise and perform service for the control of ticks, fleas, etc in yards?

*Answer:* **No.** These pests are listed as structural pests, therefore, a “P” phase structural pest control license is required to do that service, or for outdoor control in yards a license in the category Public Health is required.

Please contact this office if you need further clarification concerning any area of pest control.

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