

Pest Control Business Descriptions

Structural Pest Control: Pest control related to household pests and wood destroying pests or organisms, or such other pests which may invade households or other structures.

Companies who are licensed with the Structural Pest Control Board, a division of the State Department of Consumer Affairs, must register with the County, and will then be able to:

- Identify infestations through inspections of the affected structure.
- Make recommendations, estimates or bids with respect to such infestations.
- Perform any work including the making of structural repairs or replacements, and the use of pesticides or mechanical devices for the purposes of controlling or preventing infestations. *Business & Professions Code (BPC) 8505ⁱ*

Companies that perform structural pest control must have qualified personnel who are licensed in the appropriate Branch:

Branch 1: Structural fumigations only.

Branch 2: General pests (ants, bed bugs, cockroaches, rodents, spiders etc.).

Branch 3: Wood destroying organisms (termites, powder post beetles, etc.) and perform localized treatments, but not fumigation.

Licensed Branch 3 companies perform the inspection, and will contract with a licensed Branch 1 fumigation company if they cannot address the problem with a localized treatment.

'Helpful information on termite treatments and fumigations'

Agricultural Pest Control: Any type of pest control not considered to be structural. Typical pests controlled include: insects, weeds, mollusks (snails), plant diseases, gophers, and rodents. These pests can become problematic at a variety of different sites.

The state licensing agency, California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR), provides licensing in different categories. See CDPR's website www.cdpr.ca.gov for a complete description of the license categories.

A	Residential, Industrial, Institutional	I	Animal Agriculture
B	Landscape Maintenance	J	Demonstration & Research
C	Right-of-Way	K	Health Related
D	Plant Agriculture	L	Wood Preservation
E	Forest	M	Antifouling paints
F	Aquatic	N	Sewer Line Root Control
G	Regulatory	O	Field Fumigation
H	Seed Treatment	P	Microbial Pest Control

Agricultural Pest Control companies must register each year in every county in which they intend to advertise, solicit, or perform pest control work.

Maintenance Gardeners: Businesses that perform pest control incidental to their normal landscape operations must also be licensed by CDPR and register annually in any county they intend to operate.

You may contact us at 626-575-5466 if you need any further assistance.

ⁱ 8505. "Structural pest control" and "pest control" as used in this chapter are synonymous. Except as provided in Section 8555 and elsewhere in this chapter, it is, with respect to household pests and wood destroying pests or organisms, or such other pests which may invade households or other structures, including railroad cars, ships, docks, trucks, airplanes, or the contents thereof, the engaging in, offering to engage in, advertising for, soliciting, or the performance of, any of the following, identification of infestations or infections; the making of an inspection or inspections for the purpose of identifying or attempting to identify infestations or infections of household or other structures by such pests or organisms; the making of inspection reports, recommendations, estimates, and bids, whether oral or written, with respect to such infestations or infections; and the making of contracts, or the submitting of bids for, or the performance of any work including the making of structural repairs or replacements, or the use of insecticides, pesticides, rodenticides, fumigants, or allied chemicals or substances, or mechanical devices for the purpose of eliminating, exterminating, controlling or preventing infestations or infections of such pests, or organisms. "Household pests" are defined for the purpose of this chapter as those pests other than wood destroying pests or organisms, which invade households and other structures, including, but not limited to, rodents, vermin and insects.