

# **URGENT - WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO FILL OUT THE PESTICIDE USAGE REPORT!**



## **An Open Letter to all members of the Industry**

I hope this letter has arrived in time! We have all received the 2014 Maryland Pesticide Usage Survey. Please fight the urge to unceremoniously throw this request away!! Currently, the survey is a “request.” That is in large part due to the Maryland State Pest Control Association, our members and related green industry workers who fought the bill that would have made this an annual requirement. The Department of Agriculture also spoke against making this a requirement and recognizes how difficult this exercise can be. That said, our participation is pivotal to keeping the anti-pesticide groups from pushing this type of bill again.

The new wrinkle in this year's request is that we break it down by zip code. It's not likely that many of us will be able to do this. My business services Five Counties. Anne Arundel county has 48 zip codes alone. Thus, I will not be able to accurately report my usage by zip code, nor will I attempt to. I will, however, be able to make some broad, educated guesses. I've heard several different formulas from other members and hope that you have worked something out too. The important thing is that we report as best we can.

The Maryland State Pest Control Association is continuing to work on your behalf. That includes keeping you informed and asking for some extra effort that will serve us all. Our participation will show everyone that we are always willing to operate with transparency because we are the protectors of our customers, their property and our environment.

Sincerely,

Ron Anders  
President

***IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, PLEASE JOIN NOW  
AND HELP US HELP YOU!***