

**AWARENESS OF THE CROP PROTECTION  
INSTITUTE AS A SOURCE OF PESTICIDE  
INFORMATION**

Of the 29 respondents who were aware of the institute, 12 became familiar with it at a seminar, the rest cited mailings, pamphlets, publications, or membership in other organizations as their method of introduction.

When asked how the Institute could assist them with respect to pesticide issues, the most common response was to provide information regarding new products and methods. The following shows the percentage of respondents desiring information in specific topic areas:

IPM	85%
Environmental impact/rate	82%
New developments	80%
Safe handling/storage/use	54%
Human toxicology	53%
Pesticide registration	34%

The respondents indicated their preference for information presented in booklets, followed by seminars and newsletters.

Workshops were, relatively speaking, the least preferred format. As a general trend, interest in receiving information in all categories increased with the size of the municipality, and was higher among those who were familiar with the Crop Protection Institute, Integrated Pest Management, and who had, or were considering, an IPM program.

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**The lighter side of the lawn**

***The Wonders of duct tape***

There was a time in my life when I did not know about duct tape. I slaved over repairs with string and sticky glue. There was a time when I felt less than competent in the home and auto repair department. Not anymore. I've discovered duct tape, the miracle silver mender — the crazy glue of the adhesive tape world.

I first learned about duct tape during a white water canoe course. The instructors demonstrated the use of duct tape after a rock leapt in front of a canoe. They patched the hole and we continued leak-free down the river. I was amazed.

New converts to duct tape often call it "duck" tape. No need to be embarrassed. How would you know that heating ducts get taped with the same stuff that mends canoes?

Since my initiation, I've learned to use duct tape to repair just about anything. Here's a list of my recent efforts:

- patching rain gear, coats and camping equipment
- repairing cracked plastic fridge shelves
- covering rust holes in vehicles
- repairing books

The list could go on and on. Make sure the surface is clean and dry. Then plaster on the tape. It's that easy. If it's an outdoor repair, you'll have to replace the tape every year or so.

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