

TRAPPERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Trap Line:

1. Know and follow the information in the "Insect Trapping Guide" (ITG)!
2. Recognize host plants and know the relative host preference of the target pest.
3. Place and service traps according to the ITG.
4. Perform required trap relocations.
5. Maintain proper trap distribution.
6. Run trap line with efficient route order and complete route on schedule.
7. Keep distribution maps current with accurate trap locations.
8. Maintain trap cards with accurate map drawings, trap locations, host information, and service records.
9. Avoid contamination of the traps.
10. Mark each trap body with the trap number and service dates.
11. Make effective use of piggybacking (page vii).
12. Remove all traps from the field at the end of the trapping season.

Public Relations:

1. Maintain a good public image in appearance and conduct.
2. Make proper contacts with the homeowner before trap placement.
3. Be considerate of people and their property.
4. Display courteous driving habits.

Procedures:

1. Know the proper procedures for handling, documenting, and submitting specimens.
2. Report suspect finds to the county entomologist or your supervisor immediately.
3. Use the proper chain of command.
4. Maintain equipment and supplies.
5. Properly dispose of trash, old traps, and components.
6. Quickly implement new policies and procedures.

Records:

1. Keep an accurate summary sheet daily (Daily Trapping Summary - DTS, page xii). This form must be signed by the trapper.
2. Record vehicle mileage each day.
3. Maintain the required host site list for relocation and delimitation.
4. Record trap servicing data in the field as work is completed.

Vehicles:

1. Use safe driving practices and keep vehicles clean and properly serviced.