

 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
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Urban Entomology

# Termite University

August 11-12, 2025

Clay Lyle Entomology Building, MSU Campus &  
Redd Termite Training Facility, MS Horse Park

<http://extension.msstate.edu/content/termite-university>

Credit applied for in  
AL, AR, LA, and TN –  
still pending

Termite University is a two-day short course that provides training focused on termites and wood destroying insect control. This training is beneficial to both new and experienced technicians, as well as people preparing to take structural insect pests licensing or permit exams and is approved for recertification in the following Mississippi categories:

- **WDI License** (Wood destroying insect control)
- **WDI Permit**
- **WDI Registered Technician**
- **Category VII-A** (Industrial, institutional, structural, and health-related pest control).

## Overview:

- **Day 1: Monday, August 11, 2025, 9:30 am - 5:15 pm**
- **Day 2: Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- Lunch will be provided each day.
- Coffee and drinks also provided at breaks
- Attendees receive:
  - o Termite University ballcap
  - o Iron-on Termite University patch,
  - o USB drive loaded with relevant documents
  - o Termite University Certificate of Completion
  - o Recertification opportunity in approved states/categories listed above\*

\*Pending successful completion of course and completion of applicable state recertification documents. Note: for Mississippi, recertification only qualifies if card expires within one year.

## **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Visit <http://extension.msstate.edu/content/termite-university> or use QR Code below.

Click on “Register Now” at the top and complete the online registration form.

**(Registration requires creating a free MSU Extension Service Account—one time only.)**

Cost\*\* (credit card, online only): \$175 for MS residents \$200 for out of state participants

*\*\*Current MPCA members can obtain a \$25 discount code by emailing:*

[mspestassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mspestassoc@gmail.com)

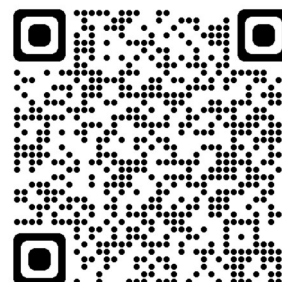
**Registration closes August 7, 2025, and enrollment is limited to 40.**

*If taking for recertification, be sure to provide license/technician number*

After you register, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

If you have problems registering, please call 662-325-3226

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Termite University  
Website QR Code

# Termite University Agenda\*

August 11-12, 2025

## Monday, August 11, 2025:

09:00 – 09:30 **Check in and Coffee** (Time to view lab samples)  
09:30 – 10:00 **"Introduction and Overview"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
10:00 – 10:30 **"Wood-destroying Beetles"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
10:30 – 11:30 **"Termite Identification and Biology, Native Sub. Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
11:30 – Noon **"Pesticide Safety and Spill Control"** (Mr. Gene Merkl, MSU-ES)  
Noon – 1:00 **CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle**  
1:00 – 1:45 **"Termite Treatment Regulations"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)  
1:45 – 2:45 **"Tools and Methods for Prevention and Control"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
2:45 – 3:00 **BREAK** (Time to view lab samples)  
3:00 – 3:15 **\*\*Travel to Redd Termite Technician Training Facility\*\***  
3:15 – 5:15 **On Site Training - Redd Termite Training Facility** (Mr. Russell Kohler MDAC, BPI, Mr. Gene Merkl, MSU-ES, Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES, Mr. Young Bao, MSU-ES, MDAC Inspectors - TBD)

## Tuesday, August 12, 2025:

07:30 – 08:00 **COFFEE** (Time to view lab samples)  
08:00 – 09:00 **"Termite Math"** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES retired)  
09:00 – 09:45 **"Record Keeping and Inspections"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)  
09:45 – 10:00 **BREAK** (Time to view lab samples)  
10:00 – 10:40 **"Formosan Termites and Drywood Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
10:40 – 11:20 **"US Forest Service Termiticide Testing Program"** (Dr. Guy Shelton, USFS)  
11:20 – 11:40 **"Termiticide Efficacy Review"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
11:40 – 12:45 **CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle**  
12:45 – 1:15 **Outdoor Termite Measurement Demo and Exercise** (Dr. Portugal and Mr. Kohler)  
1:15 – 2:00 **"WDIRs and Reporting"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)  
2:00 – 2:45 **"Control of Wood-destroying Fungi"** (Dr. Kevin Ragon, MSU-ES)  
2:45 – 3:30 **"Inspection, Conducive Conditions, & Causes of Failure"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)  
3:30 – 4:00 **Evaluation and Recertification**

## Have a safe trip home!

\*Schedule subject to change



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