

# GEORGIA PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION

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## ESSENTIAL SERVICES DESIGNATION

### Re: Extermination and Pest Control Services

I work for and represent a professional Pest Management and Exterminating Company. My work is designated essential and my company continues to operate under an “Essential Services” designation by the Federal Government and State and Local Agencies.

Due to recent events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture has determined that an Emergency Rule is hereby necessary to ensure a sufficient number of pesticide applicators are available and authorized to apply general use sanitizers and disinfectants in treating for COVID-19.

Therefore, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-13-4(b), the Georgia Department of Agriculture has adopted Emergency Rule 40-21-2-0.6-.01 which temporarily allows a person who is currently certified in any operational category or who is appropriately licensed to perform structural pest control services in Georgia to use general use sanitizers and disinfectants to treat for COVID-19 only without being specifically certified in the Antimicrobial Pest Control category. Having a sufficient number of pesticide applicators available and authorized to apply general use sanitizers and disinfectants in treating for COVID-19 during this time period is necessary to ensure and protect the public welfare. The Emergency Rule is effective immediately and will remain in effect for not more than 120 days.

The services we offer have been deemed essential by the Department of Homeland Security, and as of now this designation is recognized by the State of Georgia. This designation applies under two categories: Public Health and Food & Agriculture.

This designation was outlined in the Homeland Security Memo, “Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response.” This designation has also been specifically laid out in orders issued by our local health department and municipal government.

While our services are important to homes and living units, they are essential to public health in areas such as: nursing homes, hospitals, restaurants, grocery stores, state and local municipal buildings, agriculture, food production facilities and others.

This designation allows us to continue to operate during Shelter-in-Place and Stay-at-Home orders.

As a member of the Georgia Pest Control Association if you have questions about this designation, please reach out to them at 770/417-1881. You can also view this information at [gpca.org](http://gpca.org)

Additional information on a national level can be found through the National Pest Management Association at [nmapestworld.org](http://nmapestworld.org)

We understand the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our company is taking all necessary steps to ensure we have limited contact with individuals during service calls. We are taking every precaution to limit personal contact while providing these essential services.

We understand this designation could change at any time and if it does, we will follow any new regulations put forth by the Federal Government or our State and Local authorities.



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