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# Managing Gophers (and turf weeds!) the Less-Toxic Way

*This FREE 3-hour workshop will focus on practical, effective, and less-toxic methods for managing pocket gophers and turf weeds using integrated pest management (IPM) techniques.*

**Date: March 21, 2006**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.–Morning Refreshments/Sign-In  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.–Workshop**

**Location: Hill Community Room (MTSC), 1560 Hill Road, Novato**

**Directions: Take DeLong Avenue exit; DeLong becomes Diablo and Diablo runs into Hill Road. Turn left and park in the Senior Center parking lot past Hill Middle School.**

**CEU Credits: 3 hrs DPR (pending)**

## Workshop topics include:

- \* Biology and ecology of pocket gophers
- \* Basic population dynamics
- \* Effective habitat modifications
- \* Biological, horticultural, mechanical, and chemical management techniques
  
- \* PLUS: Identifying and managing turfgrass weeds.



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**Hands-on field work included in class:** You will learn how to locate and assess gophers and gopher populations and how to use gopher traps. You will also practice identifying turfgrass weeds, and learn integrated pest management approaches to turfgrass weed management.

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**About the Trainer:** *Michael Baefsky is the owner of Baefsky & Associates, an Environmental Landscape Consulting service located in Orinda, CA. The firm's major areas of emphases are Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Arboriculture and Soils Ecology. His professional work interests are summed up by his website address [www.treesbugsdirt.com](http://www.treesbugsdirt.com). Enthusiastic participants in Michael's workshops throughout the state have described him as "delightful," "fun" and "energetic." He has been involved in urban Integrated Pest Management consulting and education for the past twenty years and has helped develop the Model IPM School Program in Marin County.*

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## REGISTRATION REQUIRED—limited to 20 participants

**Please fill out the registration form below and fax to Gina Purin at 415-499-7221. You can also register via e-mail: [gpurin@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:gpurin@co.marin.ca.us) (or phone 415-499-3202)**

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**Workshop co-sponsored by the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP), the Urban Pesticide Pollution Prevention Project, and the City of Novato.**