Issues concerning using and recommending "home remedies."

The Environmental Conservation Law (specifically Article 33) requires a commercial pesticide applicator when performing the commercial application of pesticides to apply a pesticide product that is registered by both NYS DEC and US EPA. Article 33 also allows a commercial applicator to apply a pesticide which has been specifically exempted from registration by the US EPA (25b list of exempted materials). Since a "home remedy" is neither a registered or exempted pesticide, a commercial applicator is prohibited from commercially applying a "home remedy." As a certified commercial pesticide applicator, it is not a good practice to recommend "home remedies."

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact the CALS Occupational and Environmental Health office [pesticides@cornell.edu].

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For more information on inaccuracy of common claims about home remedies, claims that home remedies are safer than store-bought pesticides and the solution-use registered pesticides labeled for intended site/pest combination go to this internal link to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program fact sheet "CCE-PSEP Pesticide Education Fact Sheet: Home Remedies to Control Pests".