

HOW TO KEEP PESTS OUT OF YOUR HOME!

What is integrated pest management (IPM)? IPM is a dynamic process, based on communication and education, that fits perfectly with home maintenance and is designed to stop pests, inspect and monitor for pests, identify pests and evaluate if your plan is working. IPM plans treat for pests **ONLY** as needed and in the long-run, IPM is more successful, sustainable and cost-effective for homeowners and the pest control company.

Seal gaps around doors and windows to keep pests out.

↳ If you can see light from the outside while you are standing inside, it is enough space to allow in large cockroaches, spiders, and even rodents and snakes. Sealing gaps also prevents air loss, thus saving money on utility costs.

Remove cardboard boxes and place books and other paper items in plastic sealed containers, when possible.

Keep food in sealed containers, including pet food.

Regularly clean surfaces and appliances such as microwaves, stoves and toaster ovens.

Empty water-holding containers that provide mosquito breeding sites.

Remove tree and shrub branches that touch the exterior walls or roof of a home. Pests, including rodents and ants, commonly use them to find a way into the home.

Eliminate debris in the yard where pests may harbor and breed.

Make sure irrigation is not directed at the walls of the home. Moisture will encourage pest infestations and can also result in poor air quality inside.