



Safer Pest Control

Did you know?

The toxic chemicals in pesticides can harm human beings. Since pests can also affect health, it is important to get rid of pests safely!

Action Plan

- Prevent pests without toxic chemicals:
 - Eliminate water sources by fixing leaks and cleaning up spills.
 - Eliminate food sources by removing crumbs, sealing food containers, and emptying trash.
 - Eliminate places where pests may hide.
 - Get rid of their entry points. Seal cracks with caulk.

- If you must use chemical pesticides:
 - Place bait stations in areas inaccessible to children and pets.
 - Choose pesticides with an EPA “Safer Choice” label.
 - Ventilate your home by opening windows.
 - Never use sprays, foggers, or bug bombs.

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Resources

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) provides information on safer pest control. Visit their website or call their free hotline:

1-800-858-7378

npic.orst.edu

To learn more about safer pest management, visit:

epa.gov/asthma, select “Asthma Triggers: Gain Control.”

health.ny.gov, search “Pesticides” and select “Pests, Pesticides & Repellents” from the search results.

nyc.gov, search “IPM Toolkit” and select “Integrated Pest Management Toolkit” from the search results.

To learn more about clean-up methods and personal protective equipment for protecting health and safety, visit

cdc.gov/rodents/cleaning

To learn more about Integrated Pest Management, visit Cornell Cooperative Extension: nysipm.cornell.edu

To learn about pesticide exposure during pregnancy, visit mothertobaby.org, search “Pesticides,” and select the first link.

Rent supplies from the Tool Library to help keep your home clean! thetoollibrary.org/tools

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs

