



# 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](http://npic.orst.edu)

To learn more about safer pest management:

[epa.gov/asthma](http://epa.gov/asthma), select “Asthma Triggers: Gain Control.”

[health.ny.gov](http://health.ny.gov), search “Pesticides” and select “Pests, Pesticides & Repellents” from the search results.

[nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov), search “IPM Toolkit” and select “Integrated Pest Management Toolkit” from the search results.

Landlords are required by New York City law to keep your home free of mold and pests. This includes repairing conditions that cause these problems (such as holes/cracks and water leaks).

Call 311 if your landlord does not fix these issues. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) and search “Local Law 55.”

For more information, visit: [nyscheck.org/rxs](http://nyscheck.org/rxs)

