



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

By NYC law, landlords must keep homes free of pests and mold. They must fix problems that cause pests, like leaks, holes, and cracks.

Renters:

Ask your landlord to fix the problem. If they do not, call **311** or use [311 online](#).

To learn more, visit nyc.gov/health and search “Local Law 55.”

NYCHA tenants:

Report pest problems and request treatment using:

- [MyNYCHA](#) app
- **Customer Contact Center:** 718-707-7771 (open 24/7)
- [NYCHA walk-in center](#)

[JustFix.org](#) can help you:

- Keep records of housing problems
- Send free certified letters to landlord to request repairs
- Learn about tenant rights
- Find information about your building and landlord

The **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)** shares information about safer pest control.

Call **1-800-858-7378** or visit npic.orst.edu.

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs



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