



Safer Pest Control

Did you know?

The toxic chemicals in pesticides can harm people and pets. Since insects and rodents can also affect health, it is important to get rid of these pests safely.

Action Plan

- Prevent pests – like cockroaches and mice – 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:

epa.gov/safepestcontrol

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

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

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs



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