



# 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.

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

