



Safer Pest Control

Did you know?

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

Action Plan

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

- If you must use chemical pesticides:
 - Place bait stations out of reach of children and pets.
 - Choose pesticides with an EPA “Safer Choice” label.
 - Open your windows for good airflow.
 - Never use dangerous products like sprays, foggers, [mothballs](#), [insecticide chalk](#), or [tres pasitos](#).
 - Stay away from pesticides that use the words [“WARNING”](#), [“DANGER”](#), or [“POISON”](#) on the label.

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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

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a regional citizen hotline. Call (877) 251-4575 and ask for the pesticide unit.

To learn more about safer pest management, visit epa.gov/asthma and select “Asthma Triggers: Gain Control”

If you are a renter, and your landlord is not helping you to get rid of pests, you may qualify for free legal help:

New Jersey Legal Services

1-888-576-5529 (8 am-5:30 pm) | lsnj.org/GetLegalHelp

Essex-Newark Legal Services

973-624-4500 (8 am-5 pm) | www.lsnj.org/enls

For more information, visit bit.ly/brickcityrx

