



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

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

For local resources regarding safer pest control:

New York City	nyc.gov/health (search “pests”)
New York State	health.ny.gov/environmental (click on “Pest & Pesticides”)
New Jersey	nj.gov/health/ceohs/ (search “Toolkit for Keeping Your Child Care Center Healthy”)
Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands	Visit icahn.mssm.edu/research/pehsu/us-virgin-islands-puerto-rico for resources tailored to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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