



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

For more information on managing rats, mice, cockroaches, and bed bugs in your home, contact the **Onondaga County Healthy Neighborhoods Program**: call 315-435-5431 or visit ongov.net and search "Healthy Neighborhoods."

Free home health and safety assessment: if you live in any of the following zip codes, call 315-435-5431 to see if you are eligible. 13202, 13203, 13204, 13205, 13206, 13207, 13208, 13210, 13224.

For Renters: To make a complaint about pests in your home, call 315-435-1649 or visit ongov.net and search "Report a Complaint."

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/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

