



## Pest Prevention tips for the Apartment dweller

Our services combined with IPM will yield the best results. IPM is just common sense!  
Here is the technical definition:

Integrated Pest Management or IPM is the combination of all methods (of pest management), which may prevent, reduce, suppress, eliminate or repel an insect, rodent or other pest population. The main requirements necessary to support any pest population are food, shelter and water, and any upset of the balance of these will assist in controlling a pest population. Scientific pest management is the knowledgeable use of all pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, chemical) to benefit mankind's health, welfare, comfort, property and food. Integrated Pest Management is the partnership between the Pest Management firm and the client.

The single most important factor is sanitation. Environments free of other potential food items will put stress on pest populations and make this bait more desirable and effective. All pest animals prefer fresh human food to our control materials. A few tips might be; avoid leaving dishes in the sink over night, put away food items, wipe up spills, keep items tightly sealed and be certain pet food is not left out uneaten.

Water control is another important factor. Fix leaky faucets, dripping pipes, clean the condensation tray under your frost-free refrigerator monthly, dry sinks and dishes that sit out overnight when nocturnal cockroaches and mice do their foraging.

Eat meals and snacks in the kitchen only until the problem has been solved. Mice will feed on small amounts of food that inadvertently fall between cushions and around the perimeters. Cockroaches and mice will lick the dried rings left by cans and bottles.

Keep baseboard perimeters and storage areas/closets clear of items. Mice prefer to nest in corners so keep corner free of storage, closets, drawers and boxes are prime nesting habitat. Try and keep furniture away from the walls, mice will live in furniture and like units that are tight to a wall or corner.

Cooperation is crucial. We need to access all units, utility rooms and other areas of the structure. Please be certain your unit is available for us by either being home or leaving a key with the manager or neighbor. .

Leave us a note. The more detailed information we have, the better we can provide effective control.

Please feel free to call us with any questions, **781.769.9111**