

# IPM Procedures

## Pest/Sites of Pest Activity

*Cockroaches:* Kitchens; grocery bags; unrefrigerated vegetables; toasters; radios and TVs; bathrooms; electrical and plumbing conduits; floor drains.

*Ants:* Wall voids; gaps under doors and around utility piping; house plants; cracks in pavement; under landscape timbers, rocks and mulch.

*Fleas:* Pets; wildlife; neighbors' pets; carpets; furniture; pet bedding; yard.

*Flying Insects:* Garbage; faulty plumbing; eaves; attics; light fixtures; wall voids; puddles of water and other moist areas.

*Pantry/Fabric Pests:* Flour; potpourri; spices, cereals; rice; beans; dry pet food; stored clothing; woolen rugs.

*Mice and Rats:* Kitchen cabinets; stored food; storage areas; wall voids; inside appliances; closets; attics, garages; basements.

## Habitat Modification/ Sanitation

Clean up spilled foods and water; eliminate harborage and pathway areas by sealing or screening; repair water leaks; increase ventilation; inspect incoming foods and packaging.

Remove food sources; seal all cracks and crevices; locate and eliminate nests; correct drainage in houseplants; seal cracks in pavement and concrete slab.

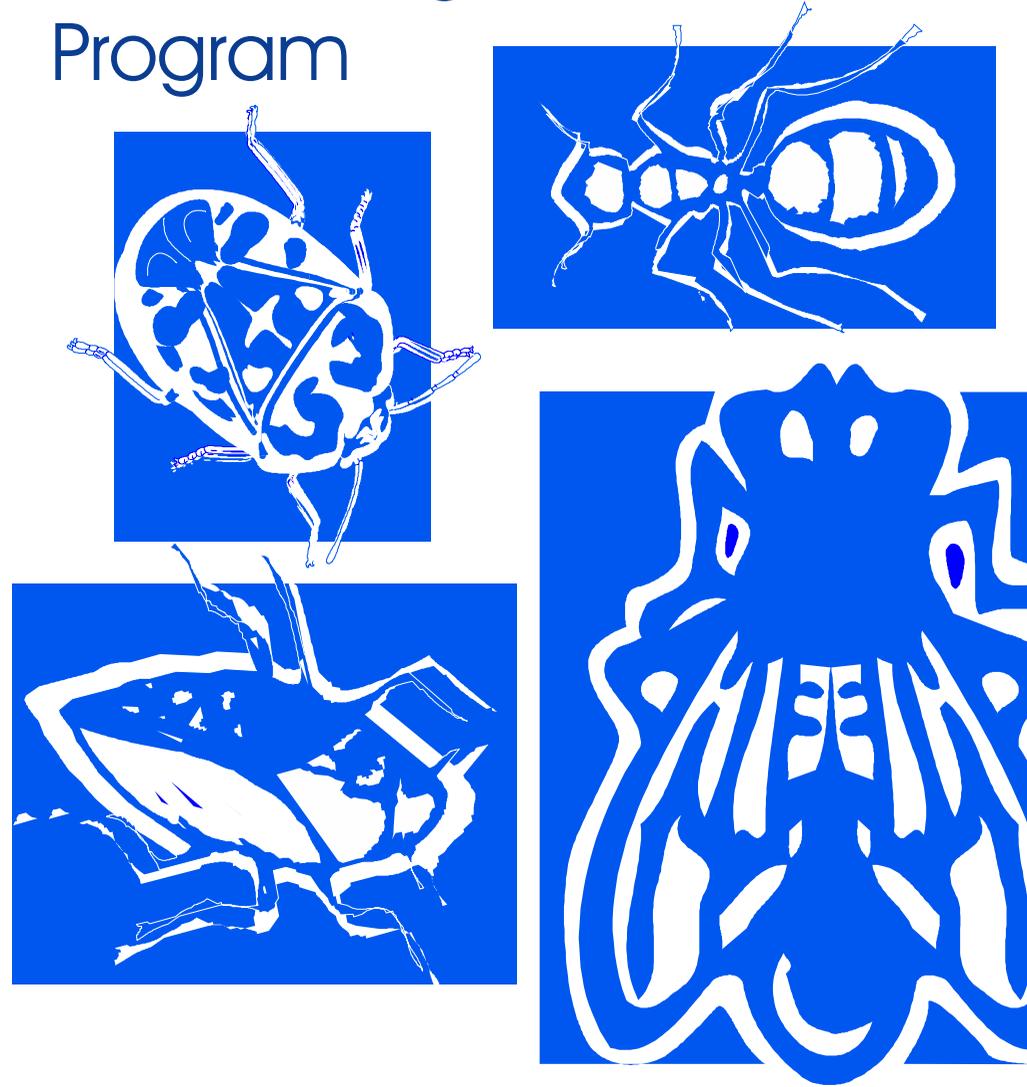
Vacuum carpeting and furniture; keep pets in your own yard; proper pet treatment; remove wild animals from structure.

Install or repair screens; change lighting; improve drainage; remove garbage daily; keep trash cans clean and tightly covered; repair cracks around siding; windows and doors.

Inspect foods and packaging prior to storage; store foods in glass/plastic containers; clean-up spilled foods; rotate dry goods; store only clean cloths.

Install physical barriers; eliminate food and water; remove nesting sites; inspect incoming boxes.

# Air Force Integrated Pest Management Program



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## What is IPM?

Integrated pest management, or IPM, is an approach to pest control that utilizes regular monitoring to determine if and when treatments are needed and employs physical, mechanical, cultural, biological, and educational tactics to keep pest numbers low enough to prevent intolerable damage or annoyance. Least-toxic chemical controls are used as a last resort.

## What benefits can you expect?

Pest Prevention  
More Awareness  
Less Reliance on Pesticides  
Improved Home and Office Maintenance  
Long-Term Solutions  
Precise Pesticide Application  
Effective and Environmentally Sensitive Protection

**Air Force  
Integrated Pest  
Management  
(IPM) Programs  
are successful  
when your base  
civil engineer  
and you work  
together to  
control pests.**

### Questions:

**Q.** How does IPM differ from traditional pest control?

**Q.** What does “integrated” mean?

**Q.** What does an IPM program involve?

**Q.** What is your responsibility in an IPM program?

**Q.** What is habitat modification?

**Q.** Does IPM eliminate the use of pesticides?

**Q.** When pesticides are used, how will they be applied?

### Answers:

**A.** IPM employs an approach that requires more participation by the home or office occupant to achieve long-term pest control.

**A.** The use of two or more pest management techniques (Inspection, Identification, Improved Sanitation and/or Pesticides) to achieve established pest management objectives.

**A.** An IPM program requires time and effort to: inspect and monitor pest activity; employ procedures; make suggestions for eliminating points of entry and resting areas; and deter potential infestations and/or reduce existing ones.

**A.** Your continuous involvement and participation are needed to implement your pest control technician’s recommendations for an effective program.

**A.** Homes and offices have different microhabitats which provide food, water, and harborage for pests. Decreasing the availability of suitable habitats for pests and denying access into the home or office may control infestations.

**A.** An effective IPM program may include the use of least-toxic pesticides. However, the amount needed will likely be reduced.

**A.** Self-help store personnel will assist you in selecting pest control items and making correct pesticide applications. For significant pest infestations, your pest control technician will make pesticide applications.