



National Center for
Healthy Housing

***Want to stop bed bugs and other pest infestations
while protecting tenants and staff from toxic pesticides?***

TRY INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)!

**Free One-Day IPM Training
for Section 8 Multi-Family
Property Owners and Managers**

IPM is a proven and cost-effective pest management strategy that:

- Eliminates nesting places and pest-accessible sources of food and water
- Excludes cockroaches, rodents, bed bugs, and other pests from the property
- Uses the safest pesticides in the safest manner—and only when necessary
- Engages maintenance staff, pest professionals, and tenants in a team approach

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This training will equip you with an understanding of pest habitat, IPM, and the key roles for maintenance staff, pest management contractors, and tenants.

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Go to:

www.nchh.org/Training/HealthyHomesTrainingCenter/Section8IPM.aspx

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is an approach to pest control that is superior to conventional extermination and monthly spraying strategies. It emphasizes eliminating nesting places as well as sources of food and water for the pests and excluding the pests from the property. It uses the safest pesticide in the safest manner *only when necessary*.

Studies by Purdue University and Virginia Tech show that it is more effective, and when the pests are under control, is cost effective. Programs at Boston Housing Authority, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and in Salinas, California highlight the promise of IPM.

This **FREE** IPM training is being offered to Section 8 owners, property managers, and maintenance staff to educate them on implementing IPM in the properties under their care. It is based on a course that has been used to educate hundreds of public housing and health professionals since 2008.

Course attendees will learn:

- Their specific roles in supporting the least toxic and most effective measures for pest control in their communities.
- How to manage pests within a housing community using strategies that post no risk or minimum risk of pesticide exposure to vulnerable, sensitive, and disabled populations, including infants and children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with chemical sensitivities.
- The major health risks posted by common pests, including the connection between asthma, cockroach, and mouse allergens.
- The biology, behavior, and at least two least-toxic control measures for each of the pests covered in the training.
- Whom to contact and what to do if there is a problem with or related to pest control.

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