

Pest Management Tips for Building Residents

Sealing cracks, fixing leaks and removing garbage deprive pests of food, water and shelter. This approach to pest control is called **Integrated Pest Management or IPM**. Building managers are required to keep units pest-free, but tenants have a role to play too.



Keep your home clean and dry – especially the kitchen.

- Keep food in sealed containers.
- Keep counters and sinks free from food residue.
- Reduce clutter.
- Recycle piles of newspapers, paper bags and cardboard.
- Don't leave pet food out overnight.
- Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink.



Manage garbage.

- Keep garbage in sealed bags or containers.
- Rinse recyclables before throwing out in designated bins.
- Take garbage and recycling out of unit every day.

In Buildings with Compactors

- ◆ Bag and tie garbage before sending down the chute.
- ◆ Leave larger bags and items in designated storage areas.
- ◆ Do not overstuff chutes.
- ◆ Place recyclables in designated bins, not down the chute.
- ◆ Do not leave bagged garbage on the floor in compactor rooms.
- ◆ Do not throw liquids or sharp items down the chute.



Work with building manager and pest management professionals.

- Report pests, water leaks, holes and other conditions that can attract pests to building management.
- Allow pest management professionals access to the home for pest inspections and services.
- Let pest management professional know if there are children or pets in the home.
- Follow pest management professional's advice on preventing pests.
- Call 311 if management fails to respond.



Only use safe pest control methods in your home.

- Use pesticides that have manufacturer labels and are marked for consumer use only. Make sure to read and follow label instructions.
- Use bait stations and gel for cockroaches and ants.
- Use traps for mice.
- Use fly traps for flies.
- Never use illegal pesticides like Tres Pasitos, Chinese chalk or Tempo.
- Never use foggers, bombs or loose rodent bait.