

**GUIDE TO LOCAL LAW 55 OF 2018**  
**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR**  
**MICE, ROACH AND RAT VIOLATIONS**

**VIOLATIONS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

You are required to use the integrated pest management practices in accordance with Administrative Code §27-2017.8 of Local Law 55 of 2018 and 28 RCNY §54-04 when eliminating pest infestations of mice, cockroaches, and rats, and any underlying defects (such as moisture) that may have caused the infestation.

**Integrated Pest Management Practices**

- Inspect for, and physically remove pest nests, waste, and other debris by High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) vacuuming, washing surfaces, or otherwise collecting and discarding such debris;
- Eliminate points of entry and passage for pests by repairing and sealing any holes, gaps or cracks in walls, ceilings, floors, molding, base boards, around pipes and conduits, or around and within cabinets by using sealants, plaster, cement, wood, escutcheon plates, or other durable material;
- Eliminate sources of water for pests by repairing drains, faucets, and other plumbing materials that accumulate water or leak;
- Remove and replace saturated materials in interior walls;
- Attach door sweeps to any door leading to a hallway, basement, or outside the building to reduce gaps to no more than one-quarter inch;
- Use pesticides sparingly, and only when applied by a NYS-licensed pest professional. Please note that any pesticide applied shall be applied by a pest professional licensed by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Use of pesticides cannot and does not replace the need to use integrated pest management practices to address the infestation.

Please note that property owners are required to inspect apartments at least once a year, and more often if necessary, when an owner knows or should have known of a condition that causes a pest infestation. In addition, you are also required to inspect or eliminate the presence of pests when a tenant notifies you of an infestation or requests an inspection of a condition that is likely to cause pest infestations.