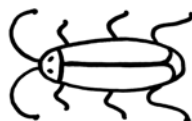


# PEST CONTROL



Pest control is the way you choose to get rid of insects, rodents, and garden weeds from inside or outside your home by using chemicals.

## INSECTICIDES (chemicals used to kill insects)

HEALTHY HOMES = HEALTHY KIDS

### ► What are insecticides?

- A chemical spray, powder or liquid, used to control or kill insects such as cockroaches, ants or flies

### ► What is insecticide poisoning?

- Poisoning happens when insecticides are inhaled from the air, placed on the skin, swallowed or eaten on food.

### ► What happens when insecticides poison someone?

- eye, nose and throat irritations • headaches • dizziness • sweating • drooling • weakness
- muscle twitching • blurred vision • vomiting • stomach cramps

### ► Where are insecticides found in and around your home?

- On floors where insecticides have been sprayed or powders dusted
- On foods left out on counters or tables while spraying or dusting with insecticides

### ► What should you do if you use insecticides in your home?

- Keep children outside of your home when using insecticides
- Spray in small spaces like cracks in walls, floors or ceilings, instead of on all surfaces
- Read and follow directions closely

### ► Did you know?

- 75 percent of U.S households used at least one pesticide product indoors during the past year.
- There are safe natural forms of insecticides such as insects like ladybugs and marigold plants
- With pesticides labeled DANGER-POISON (in red letters) as little as a taste to teaspoon of a pesticide can kill a person; WARNING a teaspoon to a tablespoon can kill person; CAUTION an ounce to more than a pint can kill a person

## RODENTICIDES (chemicals used to kill rodents)

### ► What are rodenticides?

- Rodenticides are liquid, powder or pellets used to kill rats or mice.

### ► What is rodenticide poisoning?

- Poisoning happens when a rodenticide is eaten, swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin contact
- Poisonous effects may result from a single exposure or over a longer period of time

### ► What happens if someone is poisoned by a rodenticide?

- diarrhea • stomach pains • nausea • vomiting • coldness • coma • chest pains • death

### ► Where are rodenticides found in and around the home?

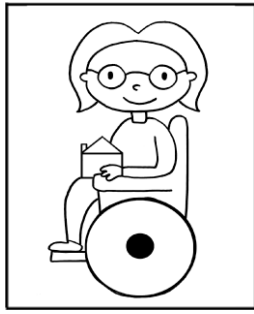
- bait packs • wax and bait blocks • bait stations (bait boxes) • liquid bait

### ► What should you do if you use rodenticides in your home?

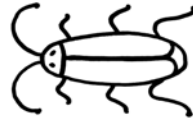
- Read labels on the rodenticide carefully and follow directions.
- Store and lock any bait or poison out of reach of children.
- Buy and use only pesticides from your local store and avoid buying and using professional pesticides

### ► Did you know?

- The “-cide” in pesticide means to kill.



# PEST CONTROL



## HERBICIDES (chemicals used to kill weeds)

### ► What are herbicides?

- A chemical spray or powder, used to control or kill unwanted plants and weeds.

### ► What is herbicide poisoning?

- Poisoning happens when the herbicide is swallowed, inhaled from the air or gets on the skin

### ► What happens when someone is poisoned by herbicides?

- skin and eye irritations • burning feeling in the nose and chest • diarrhea • dizziness • vomiting
- muscle twitching • cracking of the skin • nosebleed

### ► Where are herbicides found in and around your home?

- Anywhere you have used a herbicide on plants and trees
- They may be tracked in with dirt and dust onto the floors of your home

### ► What should you do if there are herbicides in or around your home?

- Wash fruits and vegetables before cooking, eating or serving them
- Wipe your feet so that shoe soles are clean before entering your home
- Choose an old pair of shoes for outside gardening, and keep them outside
- Keep the herbicide in its original container
- Lock herbicides out of children's reach

### ► Did you know?

- If a poisoning happens, fast and calm action is very important.
- 1-800-222-1222 is the Poison Control phone number to call in case of poisoning

## INTERGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

### ► What is Integrated Pest Management?

- It is the combination of different ways to get rid of pests that is low-cost and less of a health risk to people and the environment.

### ► What are some IPM ways to get rid of pests?

First ask yourself these four questions:

#### 1. How big is the problem and do I need help?

If you see one cockroach, ant or mouse, there usually are many more.

#### 2. Where are they coming from?

Look for holes in the wall, cracks in the floor, torn window or door screens and repair them.

#### 3. How do you get rid of pests?

First try old-fashioned non-chemical ways to kill pests by stepping on them or using a fly swatter, or use traps like ant traps, cockroach motels, and mousetraps.

#### 4. How do you keep pests from coming back?

Don't be a host. If pests can't find crumbs to eat, a leaky faucet to drink from or a quiet, dark crack to live in, they won't stay and multiply.

### ► Did you know?

The National Pesticide Telecommunications Network is a toll-free, 24-hour information service that can be reached by calling 1-800-858-7378 or by FAX at 806-743-3094.