

IPM Training in Public Housing

How it Can Benefit IPM in Your State

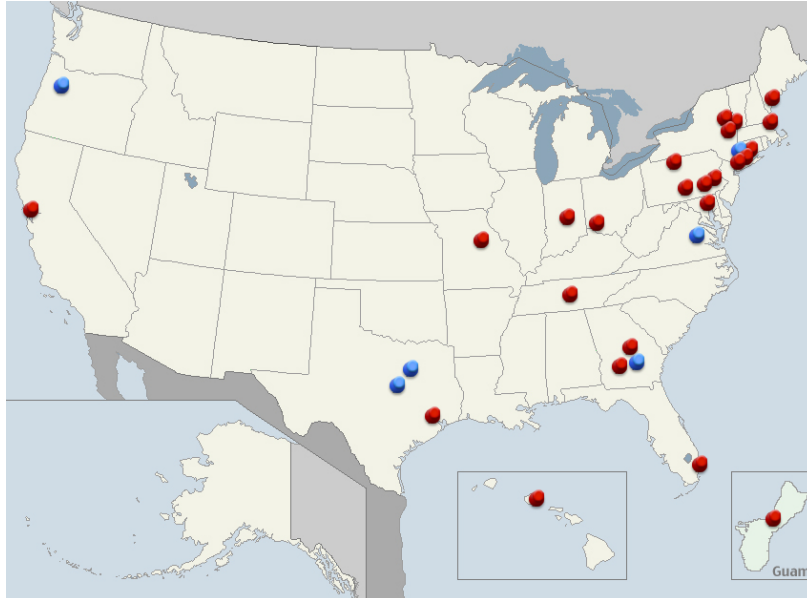
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Strengthening communities and improving housing conditions

Who: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Healthy Homes Initiative) partnered with USDA and the Regional IPM Centers throughout the country five years ago to teach IPM to people in public housing. The Northeastern IPM Center at Cornell University coordinates the *IPM Training in Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)* project.

What: We created unique curricula for trainers, Public Housing Authority staff, and residents. The resident training includes an IPM DVD, resources, and an IPM tool kit of practical items.



**2007-2012 Training Locations. Red = completed;
Blue = in progress**

We've **trained 630 people** in IPM at **25 PHAs**. Each PHA pilot site—encompassing more than **6400 units**—committed to implement IPM for one year. During this year we assisted the PHA and answered questions by phone and e-mail. PHAs gave **1350 IPM kits** to residents as incentives for attending briefings on IPM. Four PHAs received funding to support a peer educator to help with IPM interventions.

When: We began in 2007 and expect to continue through August 2012.

Where: The map above shows the training locations; 7 more will be finished by June, 2012.

Why: Our goal is to strengthen communities and use IPM to address housing conditions that threaten human health. After implementing IPM, PHAs report

- Increased communication and cooperation among staff, contractors, and residents;
- Decrease in pesticides being applied; and
- Fewer pests.

How: A property-wide program is the most effective way to manage pests. Steps are

- Preventing pests;
- Finding beginning infestations before they grow or spread; and
- Using least toxic, targeted control methods.



StopPests.org website

Current information from the blog, training organizations and potential funders

A one-stop-shop for pest problems (pest pages link to eXtension and cooperative extension offices)

Robust search of the whole site



Pages on relevant topics for affordable-housing owners/operators

Free resources

- Webinars: *IPM in Public Housing* (April 26, 1:00 pm Eastern) and *Bed bugs* (late May)
- *IPM in Multifamily Housing Training* curriculum
- *The Tenant's Role in IPM* Video (English and Spanish)
- www.StopPests.org and the StopPests blog
- *The PHA Guide to Implementing IPM*

Opportunities for the future, if funding continues

- Extension Educators could participate as evaluators, multipliers, trainers
- Public housing authorities in your state could join the program, learning about IPM and preparing for training

Where to direct questions

If the inquiry is from...	Direct them to....
Multifamily property owners and managers interested in IPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General info on IPM in affordable housing: http://www.stoppests.org/what-is-ipm/• Information and resources for resident support: http://www.stoppests.org/working-with-residents/• Pest information: http://www.stoppests.org/pest-solutions/• Blog: http://www.stoppests.typepad.com• Contact Allie Taisey at stoppests@cornell.edu or 607-220-6417
Public housing authority staff	<p>Above resources, plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPM Notice: PIH 2011-22• Bed Bug Notice: PIH 2012-17 and related attachment
Staff at organizations interested in working on IPM in affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case studies of past projects: http://www.stoppests.org/success-stories/case-studies/• How to run an IPM training using the StopPests materials: http://www.stoppests.org/ipm-training/the-training-day/• PIH Notices 2011-22 and 2012-17• Funding opportunities: http://www.stoppests.org/what-is-ipm/funding-sources/• Contact Allie Taisey at stoppests@cornell.edu or 607-220-6417

Day-Long Training Agenda

Times may be adjusted to accommodate trainees' needs.

- 8:15 Overview and Introductions
- 8:45 Cockroaches (60 mins)
- Break*
- 10:00 IPM and Pesticide Use (60 mins)
- 11:00 Indoor Demonstrations
- 11:45 *Working Lunch: discuss potential implementation projects*
- 12:45 Video: "IPM: A Real Solution to Pest Problems for Property Management and Staff"
- 1:00 Roles and Responsibilities Panel
- Pest Management Professional (PMP)
 - Property Manager
 - Resident Support Services
 - Housekeeping
 - Maintenance
 - Grounds/Landscaping
 - Resident
- 1:30 Rodents (45 mins)
- 2:15 Outdoor Demonstrations
- Break*
- 3:00 Bed Bugs (60 mins)
- 4:00 IPM Review Game (optional)
- IPM Exam and Course Evaluation
- Adjourn*

Download Course Materials at:

- www.stoppests.org; or
- www.healthyhomestraining.org/ipm/training.htm