

New Mexico Pest Management Association

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PESTICIDE LABELING AND SAFETY

All pesticides are toxic by nature. Some are more toxic than others, but none should be handled carelessly.

All pesticides, even those you can buy over the counter have a label that gives you directions on use.

THE LABEL IS THE LAW FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

WEAR APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

MORE OR STRONGER IS NOT BETTER

CALL A PRO FOR DIFFICULT PEST ISSUES

KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS OUT OF TREATMENT AREAS

HIRING A PROFESSIONAL

- 1 Ask for license and insurance information, both are legal requirements.
- 2 Interview several professionals until you are comfortable that you have found someone that understands your concerns.
- 3 Price should NOT be the final factor in hiring.
- 4 Understand any warranty or guarantee that is offered.
- 5 Professionals are regulated by NM Dept. of Agriculture. Contact NMDA at 505-646-2133



PEST AVOIDANCE

Obviously, if you don't have pests, then you don't have to manage or control them. Take these steps to avoid pests.

- 1 **SANITATION** – Keep natural and man made debris to a minimum. Mulch and waste is a perfect breeding ground for most pests.
- 2 **YARD LAYOUT** – Ensure proper drainage, keep plants away from the structure, choose the correct plants for the area.
- 3 **MOISTURE MANAGEMENT**—All pests love moist areas, especially when water is hard to come by. Fix leaks and ensure water drains off and away from your home correctly.
- 4 **EXCLUSION** – Button up your home. Tight doors, proper screens and elimination of cracks and holes keeps pests out.



IPM

IPM stands for Integrated Pest Management; a sensible series of steps for managing pests in any situation.

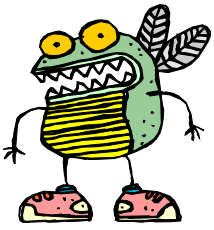
- 1 **INSPECTION** – We have to search for the pests and conditions of concern.
- 2 **IDENTIFICATION** – What are the pests exactly, and what conditions are encouraging them.
- 3 **PLANNING/COMMUNICATION** – A sensible plan of action is created and communicated to all involved parties.
- 4 **ACTION** – Take steps to resolve the pest issue. This may include cultural modification, exclusion, sanitation and pesticide application.



QUICK PEST NOTES

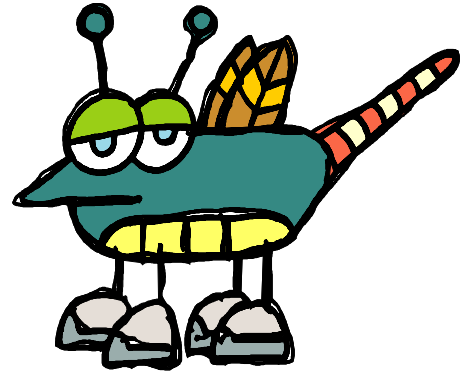
On this page we have provided you with information on several common pests. Each pest has three bullet points.

- 1 Why or how are they pests.
- 2 Why or when might they be considered good
- 3 Some thoughts on managing that pest.



TERMITES

- The most common termite in NM lives in the ground and enters your home through breaks in the construction. They feed on wood, paper and cardboard.
- In nature, termites are awesome recyclers. They play an important role in eliminating dead plant matter.
- Termite control is definitely a pro job. There are several ways to manage termites, find the pro that is right for you.



SPIDERS

- Spiders bring out our primal fears.
- Most spiders are harmless and actually help us by eliminating other pests.
- If you must get rid of spiders, damage their webs and eliminate their hiding/hunting grounds around your home.



ANTS

- Ants enter your home in search of food, water and shelter
- In nature, ants are good for the soil and many plants.
- Professionals ensure that they ID ant and use target specific baits or SLOW ACTING pesticides for best control.

ROACHES

- Thought of as the most disgusting of bugs. Roaches multiply quickly, ruin food and spread disease.
- While it is hard to find any redeeming quality, in nature, they make great fertilizer and bird/lizard food.
- DON'T FOG. Bait, Bait, Bait



RATS, MICE AND BIRDS

- Ruin food, ruin our homes, spread disease.
- In nature, they are tasty treats for snakes, hawks and falcons.
- Keep these pests out of and off of your home by EXCLUSION AND MODIFICATION. Call a professional for advice.

CENTIPEDES, SCORPIONS, SUN SPIDERS

- May bite or sting. Looking for prey, they stumble into your home. They are scary and work on our primal fears.
- They consume other pests.
- Eliminate their prey and eliminate hiding spots near your home and they will go away.

BED BUGS

- A human pest of opportunity, a hitchhiker on our "stuff". Take blood meals from us while we sleep.
- No known redeeming qualities.
- This is a job for the pros. KIDS, DON'T TRY THIS ONE AT HOME.

