Maine Integrated Pest Management Council

Protecting Maine’s Future through Reduced Reliance on Pesticides

• Established by state legislature in 2002 to ‘promote and enhance implementation of IPM practices that reduce or minimize harmful environmental and human health risks.’

• Promotes public education about the need, benefit, and practices of IPM.

• Identifies priorities for integrated pest management research, education, demonstration and implementation;

• Serves as a communication link among researchers, educators, regulators, policymakers and integrated pest management users;

• Sets goals for expanding, advancing and implementing integrated pest management;

• Establishes protocols for measuring and documenting IPM adoption.

Membership:
The 11 members plus 2 coordinators represent a broad range of IPM and environmental interests

Smarter Ways to Deal with Pests
From mice to mildew, crabgrass to cockroaches – whenever nature becomes a pest, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) offers least-risk solutions.

What is Integrated Pest Management?

• IPM is a common sense and sustainable method anyone can use to protect against pests. Every time you swat a fly, pull a weed, or select disease-resistant plants for your garden, you’re using IPM tactics that reduce the need for pesticides.

• IPM methods include:
  • Cultural practices such as mowing higher to favor grass instead of weeds
  • Physical methods such as pruning or installing deer fencing)
  • Biological controls such as attracting or conserving beneficial insects and spiders
  • Chemical methods such as selective and careful use of organic, natural and/or conventional pesticides only as needed.

On the Farm...
Maine farmers use IPM to produce healthy crops, protect the environment and save money. Shop for Maine-grown food and ask your farmer-neighbors about their IPM practices.

Find IPM answers to common pest issues at www.gotpests.org

Find out more at www.maine.gov/IPMcouncil