

Integrated Pest Management Program Information

WHAT IS IPM?

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, “is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health, and environmental risks” (National Coalition on Integrated Pest Management).

Integrated Pest Management strategies have been used for many years in agriculture. Nationwide, however, IPM is building momentum in school settings, industrial sites, structural pest control areas, and homes, with many websites and publications dedicated to IPM education and training; some of which are listed at the end of this sheet.

HOW DOES IPM WORK?

IPM programs use current, scientific information on the lifecycles of pests and their habitats when management options are being considered. Examples of these options include using beneficial predatory insects, using pheromones to disturb insect reproduction patterns, limiting access to necessary habitat by caulking and filling open holes around sinks and light fixtures, and the judicious use of pesticides. Nationwide, integrated pest management programs are proving to set trends in the reduction of environmental hazards and economic costs.

IPM GRANT FUNDS

In July 1998 the New Hampshire State legislature created the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program. “The purpose of the program shall be to bring about the broadest possible application of the principles of integrated pest management to agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture, landscape and building maintenance, and any other areas in which economic poisons are employed” (RSA 430:50). Fiscal support for the program comes from the IPM Fund, which serves the purposes of promoting IPM in the State of New Hampshire. To this endeavor, funds are available for grant proposals designed to explore and encourage IPM for the benefit of the citizens of New Hampshire. IPM Grants are awarded to the project proposals most representative of IPM.

Grants are awarded on a year-to-year basis. Priority will be given to programs with a wide range of applications such as, IPM education for homeowners, developing programs and projects in schools and buildings, and IPM seminars. There are several criteria that will be used for evaluating the applications including: whether the proposed objectives are realistic and the work-plan is appropriate; is the project consistent with IPM techniques and ideas; and what is the likelihood of the pest management practices continuing after the grant period ends?

IPM funding is limited. Requests below \$5,000 require less evaluation and processing time. Grant applications should be submitted to the Division of Pesticide Control before **November 1**. Those persons whose projects are selected to receive grant money will be required to complete a grant agreement before funds are distributed. This agreement includes the submission of a detailed, itemized budget. The selected projects will also be advertised and promoted at Department meetings, within the Weekly Market Bulletin, and on the Department’s web page.

***Please contact the New Hampshire
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<http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/programs>

SOURCES FOR IPM INFORMATION

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<http://northeastipm.org/>
<http://pronewengland.org>
<http://www.ipminstitute.org>
