**How Teachers Can Stop School Pests**

**Everyone Has a Role in Preventing and Managing Pests!**

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**Clean Up**
Eliminate food debris and clean up spills. Clean out places pests like to hide—cabinets, lockers, drawers, and desks.

**Store**
Use containers with tight lids or sealable plastic bags to store drinks, food, and snacks.

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**Maintenance**
Report broken windows or screens, water leaks, trash, and unsealed cracks and crevices where pests can enter the building.

**Pesticides**
Call your school IPM coordinator for help with a pest problem. Since only a licensed applicator may apply pesticides, your IPM coordinator will order any needed pest treatment.

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**Teacher Check List**

- Remove clutter to prevent potential living and nesting sites.
- Seal edible items (food, pet food, and art and science supplies) in airtight containers.
- Empty trash containers daily.
- Store students’ coats and backpacks in an assigned area.
- Use plastic bins for storage instead of corrugated cardboard boxes.

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If you see something, say something. Contact your IPM Coordinator:

Name: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

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Leave traps alone. Take your belongings home. Tell your teacher if you see a pest. Seal away your food. Don’t store food in your desk, locker, or backpack. Keep coats and backpacks neatly stored. Take your belongings home. Leave traps alone.