



# UNDERSTANDING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

A self-evaluation checklist for your business



Achieving your pest management goals requires ongoing effort: inspecting, monitoring, documenting, and treating pest issues—with minimal disruption to your business. A trusted partner like Bug Out can help you do this, and deliver innovative solutions and long-lasting results. Our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach is one of the most effective ways to help reduce your facility's overall pest risk.

## OUR IPM PROCESS

- **Inspect** to identify any root causes of pest infestations
- **Treat** existing issues with targeted treatments, customized for your environment
- **Exclusion** to seal holes, gaps, and openings where pests can enter your business
- **Recommend** structural and sanitation changes to reduce conditions favorable to pests
- **Monitor** to catch any pest re-introductions early and ensure long-term success
- **Communicate** our actions, treatments, and recommendations through documentation and check-ins, when possible

## EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR CHECKLISTS

To get you and your staff started, we've provided assessment checklists, outlining several conditions that may be considered root causes for pest activity in and around your property.

### Exterior structure assessment

#### Requires corrective action

- o Cracks or holes in the building's structure
- o Gaps around windows and doors
- o Standing water near the building
- o Clogged gutters or downspouts
- o Waste disposal near the building, trash cans or dumpsters that are damaged or uncovered
- o Vegetation or mulch that touches or is within 18" of the building

#### Requires immediate action

- o Presence of pests (living or dead), nests, or hives
- o Droppings from insects, rodents, birds, or wildlife
- o Evidence of pest burrows, damaged wood, etc.

### Interior assessment

#### Requires corrective action

- o Gaps around doors and windows
- o Cracks or holes in walls and ceiling
- o Food waste or spilled product in undesignated areas
- o Leaks or condensation around plumbing, windows, or HVAC equipment
- o Excessive moisture or humidity in any area
- o Clogged or dirty drains
- o Excessive paper trash, boxes, or clutter (even in storage)

#### Requires immediate action

- o Presence of pests (living or dead), nests, or hives
- o Droppings from insects or rodents
- o Evidence of gnawed wires, shredded packaging, grease marks along walls, damaged wood, etc.

**Experiencing pest issues? Schedule a free consultation.**

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