

Success Stories in Affordable Multifamily Housing

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HUD-USDA interagency agreement: IPM Training in Public Housing

- Network of researchers, public health specialists, and housing professionals
- Trainers and curricula for IPM in Multifamily Housing
- Website and blog



The process

- PHA contacts the Northeastern IPM Center

We would be VERY interested in an IPM presentation. Our pest control costs have tripled in the last three years and we would welcome your resources and support. Our costliest pests are bedbugs but certainly not our only one. Please include our housing authority.

- Center coaches the PHA through IPM implementation at a pilot site

PHA sets up for success

- Hires a qualified pest management firm or get staff licensed
- Picks a pilot site
- Develops a system for paperwork
- Trains the IPM team



IPM in Multifamily Housing Training

Identifies focus areas

- Monitors and inspect
- Identifies focus areas
- Looks through service records and work orders for trends



A property manager inspecting building exteriors for holes

Solves problems

- Allocates time and resources to focus areas
- Uses renovation and move-in as an opportunity
- Tracks data from work orders and PMP service reports to identify trends and track efficacy



Monitor under a well-sealed sink

Lower Brule, SD



Chambersburg, PA



Portland, OR



ANYONE CAN GET THEM. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. **DON'T BE ASHAMED**. IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL FOR IT TO TAKE A WHILE TO GET RID OF THEM. **DON'T GIVE UP**. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. TELL SOMEONE. ASK FOR **HELP**. LET YOUR LANDLORD KNOW **RIGHT AWAY**. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. YOUR LANDLORD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP YOU. **KEEP WITH IT. YOU CAN DO IT.** KEEP REPORTING IT TO YOUR LANDLORD. IF THE BED BUGS DON'T GO AWAY AFTER THE SPRAY. **LOOK FOR EARLY WARNING SIGNS:** TINY **BLOOD SPOTS** ON YOUR SHEETS. YOU CAN'T RELY ON BITES TO TELL IF YOU HAVE BED BUGS. UP TO 70% OF PEOPLE DO NOT REACT TO BITES. **BED BUGS WILL NOT GO AWAY ON THEIR OWN.** THE SOONER YOU **BEGIN TO TAKE STEPS** TO GET RID OF THEM, THE less time it will take for you to be **BED BUG FREE**.



Jon Wild receiving the Rachel Carson Award from the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides

Portland, ME



Common themes

- Media or financial pressure related to bed bugs sparks interest in an IPM program
- Want to know how to spend money
- Momentum builds after a property-wide inspection with monitoring
- Syncing documentation increases communication and accountability
- Resources are allocated to actions that have measurable impact

How you can help

- Share picture-based resources, research results, and advice—stoppests@cornell.edu
- Call the executive director at your local housing authority
- Conduct after school programs for kids
- Train in-house crews and health workers
- Look for the most efficient and effective way to spend time and money

