

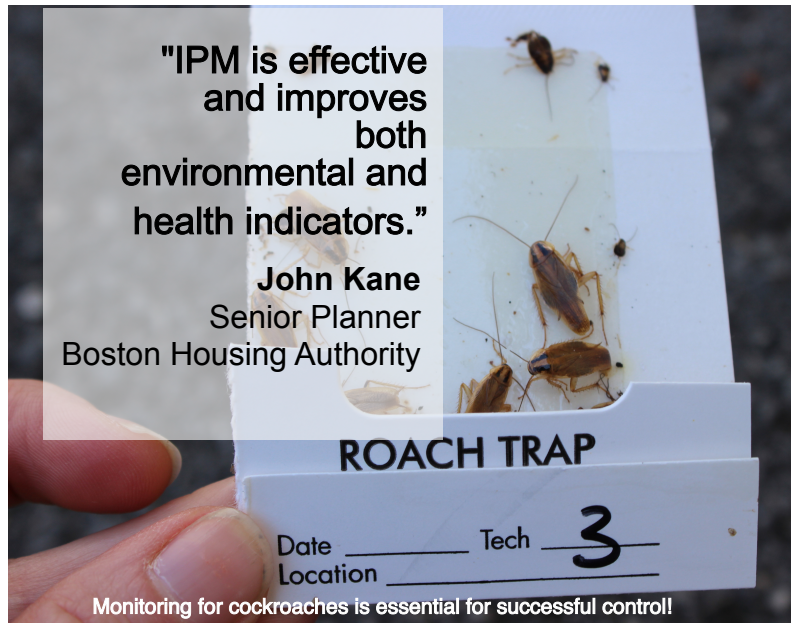


# STOPPESTS IN HOUSING PROGRAM

Our program improves pest control in affordable housing by teaching everyone how to use integrated pest management (IPM).

**PREVENT PESTS. PROMOTE HEALTH.**

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## JOIN US!

**Are you interested in learning how you can improve pest control at your property?**

StopPests consultants will work with qualifying sites for *free* to shift your current pest control program to IPM. Qualifying sites include conventional public housing, HUD-supported tribal housing, section 8 PBRAs, Section 202, and Section 811.



StopPests partner, Jayne Windham, trains housing staff

**Are you working in a HUD-supported community?**

StopPests consultants are available to work with PH or PBRA properties to implement IPM. Your referral could help reduce pesticide use, improve housekeeping, and stop pests in housing.



Property manager and the staff pose in the portable heat chamber used to kill bed bugs in furniture.



**Fill out the IPM consultation & training request form at [www.stoppests.org/Request](http://www.stoppests.org/Request)**

At properties, an IPM program will

- increase communication and cooperation among staff, contractors, and residents;
- decrease the amount of pesticides being applied;
- result in fewer pests; and
- reduce complaints about pests from both residents and staff members.

## SUCCESS STORIES

A Maine housing authority designated an IPM coordinator to work directly with residents. She identified the common goal of keeping children healthy and safe. Using that approach, she was able to share pest management and housekeeping information without creating a confrontational atmosphere. “We were working together to fight a common enemy: the bugs!” the IPM Coordinator said. “That was much better than a more authoritative approach that might have made residents feel criticized and defensive.”

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More oversight of the IPM log, integrating pest control into work orders, designing education for residents, setting up procedures for caulking units. ”

**Director of Public Housing**, Columbia, MO

Check qualifications of the pest control company. ”

**Purchasing Officer**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Pay closer attention during my housekeeping inspections for clutter that would inhibit effective treatment. ”

**Occupancy Specialist**, Schenectady, NY

Definitely no more sprays or foggers. ”

**Administrative Assistant**, Toto, Guam

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Talk to other residents about how working together can help everyone rid rodents or pests from our homes. ”

**Resident Association Board Member**, Honolulu, HI

Help tenant education and any advocacy efforts needed to make IPM successful. ”

**Community Health Educator**, San Francisco, CA

More observation and precautions so that I can evaluate the whole situation.”

**Maintenance Specialist**, Tacoma, WA

Use monitor stations more aggressively in my IPM programs. ”

**Pest Management Professional**, Charleston, SC

By focusing on the vacant turnover procedure, an Ohio housing authority cut chemical costs in half, reduced resident-generated pest work orders, and improved staff members’ satisfaction with the pest control strategy in one year.

A Philadelphia property trained staff to do proactive inspections, paid for a maintenance staff member to become a certified pesticide applicator, and purchased a heat chamber to kill bed bugs in resident’s infested furniture and belongings. They brought their bed bug infestation rate down from 20% to 1%.

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Keep my eyes open for bed bugs and let management know if I have a pest problem.”

**Resident**  
Richmond, VA

To read more, see [www.stoppests.org/success-stories/case-studies](http://www.stoppests.org/success-stories/case-studies)



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Bed bug nymphs infesting a mattress.