

## **City of Palo Alto IPM Policy**

The City of Palo Alto will carry out its pest management operations using reduced-risk IPM techniques to reduce or eliminate chemicals to the maximum extent. Chemicals will be used only as a last resort for pest management problems. Each division that applies pesticides will maintain an active IPM plan to ensure the long-term prevention or suppression of the pest problems with minimum negative impact on human health, non-target organisms, and the environment.

The City will actively pilot non-toxic alternatives for structural and landscape pest control, seeking to use the most recent technology, best management practices and least toxic methods for all pest control measures.

The City will use appropriate venues to educate staff and the public about its IPM commitment in an effort to role model less toxic approaches to structural landscaping pest control.