

City Council referred the following item to the Environmental Advisory Board:

That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) review, holistically, the city's current IPM and make recommendations regarding the development of an IPM suitable for use citywide, to include indoor applications. Further that any recommendations be sent to City Council within 60-days from the date of EAB's June Meeting

The EAB recognizes

1. That Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. Information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. IPM focuses on long-term solutions to pest issues rather than routine and repetitive use of pesticides.
2. IPM does not exclude the use of pesticides, but rather encourages the use of multiple mitigation approaches – and when deemed necessary, the application of pesticides that pose the least risk to people and the environment.

The EAB recommends that the appropriate City person/department:

1. Implement the IPM Plan developed for Athletic Fields in the City. Review annually to determine if updates are needed.
2. Apply the IPM Plan developed for Athletic Fields in the City to all City owned and operated property.
3. Develop and implement an IPM plan for use in buildings that are owned and operated by the City. Review annually to determine if updates are needed.
4. Included in the IPM, develop and utilize action thresholds (a decision tree) to determine the most appropriate, least invasive approach to pest control.
5. Use the various resources available online such as the Environmental Protection Agency or IFAS for guidance.
6. Limit the use of liquid sprays, foggers, or volatile formulations to minimize human exposure.
7. Apply pesticides only when occupants are not present or in areas where they will not be exposed to the material applied.
8. Keep copies of pesticide labels, consumer information sheets, and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in easily accessible locations.
9. Notify employees and the public of pending pesticide applications.
 - a. Notification can be accomplished by posting notices around the buildings and on building doors, sending notices to employees through email and/or text alerts, or posting them to the website or social media accounts, or publish in digital media and/or print, as appropriate, in advance of pesticide applications. Post notices in areas that will be or have been treated. Ensure notifications are ADA compliant.
 - b. Ensure there is someone available who is prepared to provide more specific information when questions arise.

The EAB requests that any plan that is developed be sent to the EAB for review and comment