

Pest Prevention Strategies For Facilities

SANITATION

NOTES

1	Eliminating food crumbs	
2	Thorough cleaning of food preparation areas, including hard-to-reach areas	
3	Use liners for waste containers and empty at the end of the day so that food is not left in the building overnight	
4	Eliminating clutter and removing cardboard wherever possible	
5	Equipment cleaning and maintenance (including floor drains and vents)	
6	Repairing water leaks in plumbing and gutters	
7	Eliminate standing water and any sources of moisture	
8	Wiping up or vacuuming individual spiders, or insects that are inside	
9	Cleaning ant or mice trails with soapy water	
10	Vacuum debris from cracks and seal	
EXCLUSION		
11	Sealing cracks and holes	
12	2 feet of gravel or concrete barrier between building and lawn	
13	Perimeter treatments (this is not an ecosystem for insects)	
14	Store food items in sealed containers	
15	Trim bushes and vegetation away from buildings	
16	Tight dumpster lids	
17	Inspect all incoming crates, pallets, lumber or furniture	
18	Tight window and door seals	
19	Keep external doors closed when not in use	
20	Limit animal access to the school to prevent feces, fleas, lice, and dander	
21	Crawl spaces covered to exclude animals that carry vectors of disease	

22	Plants at 2 feet from buildings	
23	Grow turf varieties that are very competitive	
24	Adjust irrigation or mowing for the most complete turf	
25	Keep all structural wood at least 12 inches above the soil	
26	Perimeter treatment for termites, ants, and spiders where necessary	
HARBORAGE		
27	Sealing cracks, gaps or holes to remove hiding places	
28	Sealing edges around wall-mounted electrical panels and light fixtures	
29	Place exterior trash cans and dumpsters away from building entrances	
30	No pooling of irrigation water	
31	No standing water in gutters	
32	Prevent weeds and weed seeds	
33	Reduce stacks of old paper	
34	Check incoming product. Remove food products and food service supplies from cardboard containers as soon as they are delivered and put cardboard in outdoor recycling containers to avoid introducing pests and egg cases.	
35	Remove any piles of leaves or trash	
36	Stacks of lumber not touching the ground	
37	Irrigation/sprinkler systems and risers for spray heads should have sprinkler heads or be located two (2) feet from building so as to prevent water contacting walls and prevent soil disturbance and leaching of perimeter treatments.	
38	Inclusion of drought tolerant plants into landscape plans can aid in achieving this goal.	
39	Do not plant flowering trees, shrubs or flowers immediately adjacent to building entrances or walkways	
40	Adequate ventilation in crawl spaces and attics	
41	Store boxes off the floor and away from walls	