

May 29th, 2015

Dear Property Owner/ Building Manager,

Are you and your tenants concerned with pests in your building? Do your tenants have health concerns about pesticide sprays? Would you like to reduce your long-term pest control costs? **Your building is invited to apply to the Healthy Buildings Pilot Program.**

The program provides one year of free Integrated Pest Management (IPM) services to qualifying, selected Multi-unit Housing funded by the Department of Pesticide Regulation through the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association. These services aim to significantly reduce pests, health risks, environmental risks, and pest management costs. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document for more information about IPM practices.

Applying is easy. Fill out the attached questionnaire, and send it to Amber Schat by mail, email or fax (see contact information below) by **June 29th, 2015**. Or, go to <http://goo.gl/forms/6cff4q4CbW> and fill out the questionnaire online.

Selected participating buildings will receive the following, at no cost

- One year of pest control services addressing pests such as ants, fleas, cockroaches, mice, rats, and yellow jackets¹
- A kit containing effective pest management supplies
- Minor building repairs that will help exclude pests such as cockroaches, ants, mice, and rats
- Documentation of the program's effectiveness at the end of the pilot

Participating building owners and managers will

- Work closely with municipal staff and assist them with informing tenants about the program
- Provide notice to tenants and access to participating units as needed
- Attend a training workshop for management and maintenance staff to learn about IPM
- Work with the program's designated pest control company, which will evaluate the participating buildings' and units' pest status and follow up with appropriate services
- Share pest control records since January 2013, if possible
- Complete a survey at the end of the program

The goal of the Healthy Buildings Pilot Program is to demonstrate the effectiveness of IPM to control pests in multi-unit housing, while reducing health and pollution risks. The program also aims to establish effective communication between building management and tenants, to support long-term results. We hope you will consider participating.

Sincerely,

Amber Schat

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¹ Termite and bed bug control is not covered in the program scope, although our evaluation may discover these pests. Building owners will be expected to deal with these issues in accordance with state and local requirements.