

Whole-Home IPM Inspection Checklist

Evidence-based Integrated Pest Management (IPM) | Non-commercial educational printout

Scope & Methodology:

A room-by-room physical checklist to identify moisture leaks, structural wall voids, exterior foundation gaps, and food attractants before pests establish colonies. Aligned with EPA IPM guidelines.

1. Exterior Foundation & Perimeter

- ☐ Inspect exterior foundation walls for unsealed utility pipe penetrations greater than 1/4 inch.
- ☐ Check door sweeps on all exterior doors; verify no daylight is visible beneath closed doors.
- ☐ Ensure tree limbs and shrub branches are trimmed at least 3 feet back from rooflines and siding.
- ☐ Clean gutters and downspouts; ensure downspout extensions direct water at least 5 feet away.
- ☐ Store firewood and yard debris piles elevated off the ground and at least 20 feet from the residence.

2. Kitchen & Food Storage

- ☐ Inspect under the sink for active plumbing drips, pipe collar gaps, or damp cabinet floorboards.
- ☐ Transfer dry pantry goods (flour, rice, oats, cereals) into airtight glass, metal, or durable plastic containers.
- ☐ Wipe down grease splatter behind stoves and clean crumb buildup under appliances regularly.
- ☐ Empty interior trash bins daily and ensure kitchen garbage cans have tightly fitting lids.
- ☐ Avoid leaving standing pet water bowls or uncovered pet food out overnight.

3. Bathrooms & High-Moisture Areas

- ☐ Inspect silicone caulking around tubs, showers, and bathroom sinks for mold or water intrusion.
- ☐ Verify that exhaust ventilation fans operate properly and run for 15 minutes post-shower.
- ☐ Check under sinks for pipe sweat or leaks and seal floor gaps around drain pipes.

4. Basements, Crawlspace & Attics

- ☐ Measure basement relative humidity; maintain below 50% RH using a dehumidifier.
- ☐ Ensure window well covers are in place and ground-level windows seal tightly.
- ☐ Verify attic soffit and gable vents are covered with intact 1/4-inch corrosion-resistant wire mesh.

