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TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

IPM is short for Integrated Pest Management and is the blending of effective, economical and environmentally sound pest control methods into a single flexible approach to manage pests. When utilizing IPM, we hope that you can avoid or reduce pest problems.

Here are some things to reduce the number of pests in your home:

- Reduce food or water resources for insects:
- Encourage family to eat in one location. This makes it easier to clean since spills and crumbs are not spread around the house.
- Clean up any spilled food or drink as soon as possible.
- Sweep & vacuum regularly. This helps to remove food crumbs, pet hair and other things that insects may feed upon.
- Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight. Even small bits of food can be a meal for insects.
- Do not leave pet food out overnight. Again, can be a free meal for insects.
- Remove old newspapers, magazines and books that are unused. Silverfish love to feed on these types of items.
- Repair plumbing leaks to get rid of water sources required by insects.
- Use a plastic bag to line garbage cans to make garbage easier to remove.
- Remove garbage on a weekly basis, possibly more during warmer times of the year.
- Reduce areas where insects may live:
- Clean drains with a stiff brush & then flush with boiling water. There are small flies that can grow in the slime layer of drain pipes. The stiff brush will loosen the slime and the boiling water will flush it away.
- Remove tree stumps and any dead branches in the yard to avoid carpenter or acrobat ant populations living in these areas.
- Remove debris (firewood, bricks, stones, etc.) away from the home. These areas can be inhabited by a variety of arthropods including spiders, scorpions and cockroaches.
- Clean closets on a quarterly basis to reduce the chance of spiders moving in.
- Reduce moving insects into the house:
- Inspect all items for pests before bringing them into the house. Insect pests can be brought into the home with such items as potted plants, boxes full of things inherited from a family member, on used clothing or furniture, among other things.

• Prune tree limbs that touch or overhang the home & prune back and shrubs that touch the home. When shrubs or trees touch or overhang the home, they can be used as bridges for insects to get onto the home and then move inside.

• Seal entry points on the outside of the home with sealant, expanding foam or copper mesh screening. Pipe penetrations, weep hole or cracks can allow insects, spider or other animals move into the home.

• Store food in sealed plastic or glass containers to keep pantry pests out.

• Keep screens, weather stripping and door thresh holds in good repair. Many insect pests are very small, so even a small tear in a screen or crack under a door can allow them to come inside.

• Use yellow bulbs in outside lights to reduce the number of insects coming near doorways.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Paul Diaz, HOA Vice President



Anyone that goes to the park will recognize Paul. He is a very hands-on director. Whenever something has to be done, Paul is the first to volunteer. He has saved the community thousands of dollars with his labor and know-how. Paul and his wife Lupe have lived in NF for 10 years. "We love living here, and would never move", said Lupe.

The Cabrera Family

The Cabrera's are always one of the first families to volunteer their time helping with events or cleaning up the neighborhood. Ethan, Logan, and Lucas are very familiar faces cleaning up pool furniture, helping at the Easter event, National Night Out, decorating for Memorial Day, or picking up candy wrappers after Halloween night.



"We made a choice last year to move into this attractive neighborhood in a great location. Our mission is to maintain community, safety and the beauty of Normandy Forest," said Sherri Cabrera.

MUD Website Re-Launch

The NHWC MUD#28 website (www.nwhcmud28.org) was re-launched on September 2, 2016. Portions of the content from the original website that were relevant have remained, while new information has been added. For those who are unable to attend the monthly meetings, this website can be an important tool to stay informed about the work of the Municipal Utilities District. By November 15, 2016, meeting minutes and agendas through 2013 will be available for review.

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Shield Bearer Salutes Local Business, Church, Ministry, and Volunteer Supporters

The Shield Bearer Celebration of Hope Dinner was held Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Bammel Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Shield Bearer honored volunteers and key supporters including The Work Lodge, Calvary Community Church, TOMAGWA Healthcare Ministries, and volunteer ambassador Donna McCarty.

Shield Bearer, a 501c3 nonprofit charity and a lead agency in the movement for healthy marriages, families, and communities, provides counseling, education, and prevention programs to thousands in the community each year. Executive Director Roy Wooten stated, "Our work with human trafficking survivors, victims of crime and abuse, and veterans and their families is only possible because of support from the community. Many individuals and families are in desperate need of services and cannot afford to pay for them. When you support Shield Bearer, you give hope and healing to these families."

Event sponsors included Halford Busby Construction Consultants, Klein Funeral Homes and Memorial Parks, Insurance One, and Community Impact Newspaper. Associate Director Melissa Rotholz stated, "This event would not have been possible without our sponsors and the many local individuals and businesses that donated auction items. Every donation furthers the mission of strengthening

and uniting families here in Houston and surrounding areas."

Shield Bearer currently has five locations in the Houston area including Cy-Fair, Tomball, Cypress Station, and Montgomery County. Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend an upcoming free community breakfast held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12340 Jones Rd. Ste 290, Houston, TX 77077 at 9am. Find out more at shieldbearer.org or contact volunteer@shieldbearer.org or (281) 894-7222.



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Washing your car may seem like a great way to beat the heat this summer while accomplishing something constructive on your to-do list. But you might want to think twice about the environmental impact before you park your car in the driveway and pull out your bucket, hose and old towels.

Even if you use a biodegradable cleaner, the soapy water that runs off your car when you hose it down not only contains detergent, but residue from automobile fluids like oil, gasoline and antifreeze. Each time you rinse your car, the contaminated water flows untreated directly into the stormwater system and eventually makes its way into streams and rivers. And, as the water runs out of your driveway and down the street toward the storm sewer, it also picks up other toxic

substances, like fertilizers, petroleum deposits and surface paint from the pavement. Parking your car on a grassy area while you wash it may help some, but the toxins will end up in the groundwater eventually.

As an alternative, consider using a commercial carwash facility. Whether a conveyor type, self-service, in-bay automatic or custom hand-wash business, these establishments are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to capture and route their wastewater to a treatment facility before the water can be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

Toxic residues aren't the only reason to take your car to a commercial car wash. Rinsing your car at home with a garden hose can use as much as 10 to 15 gallons of water per minute, while professional car wash facilities can limit the water flow to as little as three to five gallons per minute. If you spend an hour in your driveway washing your car, you may have sent as much as 150 gallons of contaminated water directly down the drain. This is especially important in long summer dry spells.

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