



# NEWS ROUNDUP

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## IPM in Schools - January 2017

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A monthly roundup of the latest news in Integrated Pest Management in schools, project highlights and stories from the IPM community. Courtesy of the [North Central Region School IPM Working Group](#) and the non-profit [IPM Institute of North America](#), working to harness marketplace power to improve health, environment and economics.

**Stop School Pests** training for schools is a free, professional development training package for K-12 school staff. It includes individual modules for school administrators, facility managers, landscape and grounds staff, custodians, maintenance staff, school nurses, food service staff and teachers in public schools.

**Take the training [online](#) and to earn a certificate for taking the training simply [contact us!](#)**

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*Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America*

## 2016 Report on Asthma and Allergies in American Schools

Asthma is the third-leading cause of hospital stays in children. Among children ages 5 to 17, asthma is one of the top causes of missed school days. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America's 2016 report includes a spotlight on how IPM can reduce asthma and allergy triggers in schools. The report provides information to assess state-level school-related asthma and allergy public policies.

[Read the full report here](#)

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## New Vector Control E-Learning for Environmental Health Professionals

The Centers for Disease Control's popular in-person vector control training is now available as a series of 11 free online courses. Vector Control for Environmental Health Professionals (VCEHP) emphasizes the use of IPM to address public health pests and vectors that spread diseases, including Zika virus and others.

[Access the VCEHP lessons here](#)



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*Pest Control Technology*

## Community-Wide IPM Effective Against Cockroaches in Apartments

A recent study by Rutgers University researchers found that a community-wide IPM approach in an apartment complex was effective at eliminating 85% of all cockroach infestations within seven months, reducing total cockroach counts by 96% within seven weeks, reducing residents' pesticide use by 79%, and doubling resident satisfaction.

[Read the full article here](#)

## Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events related to integrated pest management, healthy schools and environmental health.

**February 21, 2017 More Than a Just Firm Handshake: Bid and Contract Guidance for Securing IPM-Based Services for Schools** EPA Webinar

**March 14, 2017 Feed the Kids, Not the Pests: Effective IPM for Cafeterias and Kitchens** EPA Webinar

**March 19-22, 2018 9th International IPM Symposium** Baltimore, MD