



# NEWS ROUNDUP

## IPM in Schools - September 2017

Join us in March 2018 at the [9th International IPM Symposium in Baltimore](#) for a **School IPM Meet and Greet** on **March 20th at 5pm!** This social event is open to anyone interested in IPM in schools who is attending the Symposium. It will be an excellent opportunity to network and learn from experienced school IPM professionals in a casual setting, to discuss current issues and new hear about new resources. For more information or if you wish to attend this event please [email us!](#)

### Stop School Pests Professional Development Courses for School Employees

Visit [StopSchoolPests.com](#) and register for free to access nine different online IPM courses for school custodians and other school employees!

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### Gophers in Schools

Gophers can be a problem in the wrong place on school campuses. But they can also be an opportunity to teach about biology, ecology and pest management, if the gophers are in a location that can be tolerated. If they must be removed, lethal trapping can be an alternative to poisons. Live trapping and

removal to release at another location is not always practical or advisable, as survival rates can be low and there is a risk of introducing disease into other populations.

Learn more in Nicole Frey's Utah Pests newsletter article [here](#) or find her 2016 study [here](#)

PEST CONTROL IN THE  
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT  
IMPLEMENTING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

## Guide to Implementing IPM in Schools

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released an updated guide to implementing IPM in schools. It provides an overview of IPM and lays out the steps for schools to establish an IPM program. The publication is an update to the popular 1993 guide and includes recent innovations in school IPM, links to new information and comes in an easily printable format.

[Get the guide here](#)



Pest Control and Technology Magazine

## Lack of Funding for IPM in Communities Research

University researchers who study urban pests struggle to find funding, which in turn affects the 90% of Americans living in urban centers where pest problems are most pressing. The pest control industry relies heavily on researchers to create solutions to pest problems now and in the future. But shrinking funding makes research programs struggle at universities.

[Read the full article on PCT Magazine](#)

## Upcoming Events

October 4, 2017 [Helping Schools Reduce Risk: Promoting Manteca Unified's Gopher Trapping Program](#), 11:45 - 1:00 pm, CalEPA 1001 I Street, Sacramento CA

November 13, 2017 [Midwest Grows Green Lawn and Land Forum Workshop](#), hosted by Midwest Pesticide Action Center, Chicago, IL

March 19-22, 2018 [9th International IPM Symposium](#), Baltimore, MD

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