

Pest Prevention Strategies For Facilities

SANITATION

NOTES

1	Eliminating food crumbs	
2	Thorough cleaning of food preparation areas, including hard-to-reach areas	
3	Do your teachers and staff have covered containers for food in the classrooms, art rooms, etc.?	
4	Use liners for waste containers and empty at the end of the day so that food is not left in the building overnight	
5	Eliminating clutter and removing cardboard wherever possible	
6	Equipment cleaning and maintenance (including floor drains and vents)	
7	Repairing water leaks in plumbing and gutters	
8	Eliminate standing water and any sources of moisture	
9	Wiping up or vacuuming individual spiders, or insects that are inside	
10	Cleaning ant or mice trails with soapy water	
11	Vacuum debris from cracks and seal	
EXCLUSION		
12	Sealing cracks and holes	
13	2 feet of gravel or concrete barrier between building and lawn	
14	Perimeter treatments (this is not an ecosystem for insects)	
15	Store food items in sealed containers	
16	Trim bushes and vegetation away from buildings	
17	Tight dumpster lids	
18	Inspect all incoming crates, pallets, lumber or furniture	
19	Tight window and door seals	
20	Keep external doors closed when not in use	
21	Limit animal access to the school to prevent feces, fleas, lice, and dander	

22	Crawl spaces covered to exclude animals that carry vectors of disease	
23	Plants at least 2 feet from buildings	
24	Grow turf varieties that are very competitive	
25	Adjust irrigation or mowing for the most competitive turf	
26	Keep all structural wood at least 12 inches above the soil	
27	Perimeter treatment for termites, ants, and spiders where necessary	
HARBORAGE		
28	Sealing cracks, gaps or holes to remove hiding places	
29	Sealing edges around wall-mounted electrical panels and light fixtures	
30	Place exterior trash cans and dumpsters away from building entrances	
31	No pooling of irrigation water	
32	No standing water in gutters	
33	Prevent weeds and weed seeds	
34	Reduce stacks of old paper	
35	Check incoming product. Remove food products and food service supplies from cardboard containers as soon as they are delivered and put cardboard in outdoor recycling containers to avoid introducing pests and egg cases.	
36	Remove any plies of leaves or trash	
37	Stacks of lumber not touching the ground	
38	Irrigation/sprinkler systems and risers for spray heads should have sprinkler heads or be located two (2) feet from building so as to prevent water contacting walls and prevent soil disturbance and leaching of perimeter treatments.	

39	Inclusion of drought tolerant plants into landscape plans can aid in achieving this goal.	
40	Do not plant flowering trees, shrubs or flowers immediately adjacent to building entrances or walkways	
41	Adequate ventilation in crawl spaces and attics	
42	Store boxes off the floor and away from walls	