

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LEGISLATURE'S DEFINITION OF IPM

A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY OF PEST CONTROL WHOSE MAJOR OBJECTIVE IS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED LEVELS OF PEST CONTROL IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER BY COMBINING MULTIPLE PEST CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR RELIANCE ON CHEMICAL PESTICIDES; MORE SPECIFICALLY, A COMBINATION OF PEST CONTROLS WHICH ADDRESSES CONDITIONS THAT SUPPORT PESTS AND MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE USE OF MONITORING TECHNIQUES TO DETERMINE IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING NEED FOR PEST CONTROL, INCREASED SANITATION, PHYSICAL BARRIER METHODS, THE USE OF NATURAL PEST ENEMIES AND A JUDICIOUS USE OF LOWEST RISK PESTICIDES WHEN NECESSARY.