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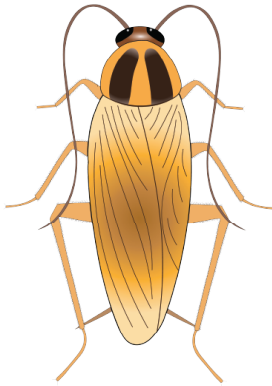
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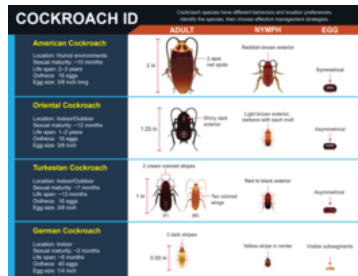


Cockroaches are a pest commonly found at schools. They can spread diseases, decrease indoor air quality and some species are considered a public health risk, like the German Cockroach (illustration above). Check out the School IPM Program's resources to find safer and more sustainable IPM practices for managing cockroaches at schools.

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Cockroach identification

Cockroach species have different behaviors and location preferences, so it is important to identify which species is present in order to effectively manage them. Check out our Cockroach ID infographic to help you determine what cockroach species you may be noticing.



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Outdoor cockroach management tips

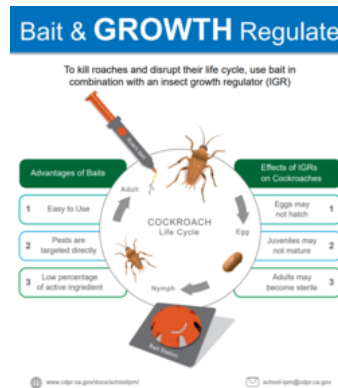
Check out our video for helpful tips on managing outdoor cockroaches - produced in collaboration with the University of California Statewide IPM Program, Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership and Sacramento Area Sewer District.



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Why choose cockroach baits?

IPM prefers non-chemical and minimum risk approaches, with pesticides used as a last resort. If a pesticide must be used, cockroach baits offer an effective, safer, and more sustainable option compared to general insecticide sprays. An insect growth regulator is another reduced-risk option that can be used in combination with bait for better control as it will help disrupt the cockroach life cycle.



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Please contact the Department of Pesticide Regulation's IPM Branch by emailing schoolipm@cdpr.ca.gov. For additional information about the School IPM Program please visit DPR's website.

Who We Are

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation protects human health and the environment by fostering safer and sustainable pest management practices and operating a robust regulatory system to monitor and manage the sale and use of pesticides across the state. DPR's work includes registering all pesticides sold or used in California, conducting scientific evaluation of pesticides to assess and mitigate potential harm to human health or the environment, investing in innovative research to encourage the development and adoption of integrated pest management tools and practices, monitoring for pesticides in the air and water, conducting outreach to ensure pesticide workers, farmworkers and local communities have access to safety information, and enforcing pesticide regulations in coordination with 55 County Agricultural Commissioners and their 500 field inspectors.

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