DO THEY BUG YOU?
(insects, pests, weeds or molds)

5 steps to Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

1. Inspect and investigate
   ✓ Look for signs of pests and damage caused by pests
   ✓ Find out where mold, insects or weeds are coming from

2. Identify the life cycle of your pest
   ✓ Learn their biology
   ✓ How does it reproduce, where does it live, and what does it eat?

3. Know when to act
   ✓ It is easier to get rid of a small numbers of pests than large numbers!
   ✓ Rats, mice, and cockroaches can cause diseases and asthma

4. Choose a control method(s)
   ✓ Eliminate food, water and/or hiding places
     o Take away water source
     o Clean frequently
   ✓ Deny entry - Keep them out!
     o Seal with caulk, fill holes, repair screen openings, use barriers
   ✓ Eliminate the existing population with traps or biological controls
   ✓ When all else fails…pesticides are a final resort
     o Choose the least toxic control first
     o Be sure to read and follow the product label
     o Use the correct amount
     o Wear protective clothing and respirators
     o Store and use properly -- away from children

5. Evaluate
   ✓ Check to see if control methods are working

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