School IPM for Maintenance and Grounds Staff

Pest-proof your school

Reminders:

❖ Seal your buildings, make sure doors seal and self-close correctly.
   Seal around conduits, windows, gaps in masonry, etc. Eliminate any unscreened access from outside. Ensure air doors are set correctly.

❖ Create space around your buildings, allow a 1 foot gap between the building and any vegetation, trim trees away from walls and roof areas, ensure no irrigation of wall areas or foundation.

❖ Waste management, locate dumpsters at least 50 ft from the back door. Dumpster lids should be kept closed, and dumpster areas clean. Use exterior trash-cans that are elevated off the ground or placed on concrete. Trash-cans must have self closing lids, and quality liners. Never allow trash-cans to be located next to exterior doors.

Avoid pest conducive conditions:

❖ Clean debris out of external drainage catch areas to reduce pest harborage.
❖ Check escutcheon plates are in place.
❖ Seal around pipe-chases and conduits that enter walls or drop ceilings.
❖ Use high quality silicon based (elastomeric) sealants to seal small cracks and crevices. High quality concrete fillers, or steal wool to fill larger gaps.

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