



Pest Infestations in Multifamily Buildings

As more people stay at home, pest infestations can get worse

Pest control is a regular concern for any property manager. However, this year may be a little more demanding. Combine the change in weather with more people staying inside, cooking and eating at home, and you may find your building has a more active pest situation ([read more about how shelter in place rules are increasing pests](#)). Stopping a pest infestation before it starts is the best way to control the situation.

Your building should adhere to some best practices to help keep pests out. [The EPA offers the following guidelines:](#)

- Monitor pest populations and building conditions that affect pest populations.
- Reduce access that pests may have to your building. Seal cracks, fix broken windows and screens, don't prop doors open, cover air access vents with screens
- Reduce water sources for pests
- Manage garbage and recycling inside and out
- Have your residents help. Post signs and ensure that your residents have a means to communicate issues.

In addition to these best practice, working with a Pest Control Professional is important to prevent infestations. [The National Pest Management Association \(NPMA\)](#), a non-profit organization that supports the pest management industry, can help you find a professional or provide resources and information.

All BIS Job Applications Must Be Submitted Electronically

Beginning on June 8, all BIS job applications must be submitted in eFiling, with some exceptions. In addition, initial permits and withdrawal applications will be filed in eFiling. [Click here](#) for the service notice with additional details and exceptions.



Online training sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- Friday, May 29th, 2020 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Thursday, June 4th, 2020 - 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Thursday, June 4th, 2020 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

[Click here](#) to access the training page and to register for one of the sessions.

Webcasts, Webinars, & Online Events

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

As we navigate a new way of conducting business during COVID-19, the need for information is even more important. Below are some online events that may be of interest to you. We expect this list to grow as new parameters are put in place for the future. We will update this list as information becomes available.

[June 10 - Optimizing HVAC for Health and Efficiency \[WEBCAST\]](#)

[June 10 - COVID-19 and Rodent Control - Practical Solutions to Address Rodent IPM in a Post-Pandemic World \[VIRTUAL WORKSHOP\]](#)

FirstService Residential is offering a guide for multifamily building operators dealing with the pandemic - [Click here](#) to download their guide about strategies to keep your residents healthy and safe.

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