

What does **I**ntegrated **P**est **M**anagement Mean?

Integrated = **I**ntelligent choices for pest control that don't harm people, pets or the environment

★**I**dentify and out-think the pest

Pest = **P**ersistent critter that "bugs" you in and around the home

★Should we only use **P**esticides to control **P**ests? **NO!!!**

★Are all insects considered **P**ests? **NO!!!** Most bugs are cool.

★**P**revention is the best way to avoid **P**est problems

Management = **M**ake your home a place that pests don't like

★**M**onitor for pests and the places where they get in and hide

★Practice good **M**aintenance

- Seal cracks and other openings where pests can enter
- Keep gutters, screens in good repair

★Pests like **M**oisture

- Repair leaks inside and outside
- Keep water away from your house with proper drainage

★Clean up your food **M**ess and don't leave garbage laying around