



GM Pest Control Green Pest Management

GM Pest Control Achieves GREEN SHIELD CERTIFIED Status for its Green Pest Management Service

GM Pest Control has recently achieved Green Shield Certification of its Green Pest Management service, becoming the 18th pest control service in the state of New York to earn the distinction. The program underwent a rigorous on-site evaluation to earn the credential offered by the IPM Institute of North America, Inc.

GM Pest Control distinguishes itself by providing exceptional customer service, utilizing the knowledge and experience of the company's on-staff Board Certified Entomologist and Associated Certified Entomologist. The company began providing IPM services several years ago when a carpenter-turned-pest control professional was hired. GM staff soon realized that carpentry skills were very valuable in the management of pest problems. The company began to put the new hire's talents to use, developing an IPM program that utilized thorough inspection and exclusion techniques.

GM Pest Control has employed IPM methods in the service of several major clients throughout New York City, including Grand Central Terminal (GCT). In providing pest control services for Grand Central, GM was responsible for 47 acres of property, two levels of commuter tracks (serving 700,000 commuters daily) and more than 150 retail stores. GM took over GCT's pest control account after complaints of rat sightings at a terminal food court tenant. According to GM Pest Control owner Greg Vucci, "within a few months, we had the situation under control. We sealed up any penetrations under their counters that led to the tracks below, forcing the rodents to take a path that led to mechanical traps." The emergency calls dropped from 15-25 sightings weekly (predominantly rats) to a mere 1-3 weekly (mostly flies, fruit flies and the occasional roach).

According to Dr. Thomas Green, president of the IPM Institute, "Green Shield Certified highlights the use of physical control as a successful IPM technique. GM Pest Control's Green Pest Management service demonstrates just how useful methods like exclusion and physical repairs can be in solving serious pest problems."

Green Shield Certified is operated by the IPM Institute of North America, Inc., an independent, non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin. Modeled after the Institute's award-winning IPM STAR program for schools, Green Shield Certified is available to pest control companies and services, as well as facilities other than schools.