

SPOTLIGHT

on Commercial Pest Control

Helping You Solve Pest Problems in Commercial Settings • Fall 2009

10 Ways to Prevent Pests from Living in your Business

Many common pest problems can be prevented using simple, inexpensive methods that you can do yourself. While Schendel is anxious to help solve your pest problems, we are happy to provide these preventive tips.

Dumpsters. Empty self closing or covered public trash receptacles. Assure all food waste is placed in trash bags that are tied shut prior to being placed into the dumpster. Cleaning the dumpster pad or corral area will help control flies.

Cleaning. Use the "clean as you go" strategy for counter tops, food prep surfaces and utensils.

Remove broken or unused equipment to avoid rodents or bugs from nesting in it. Virtually all kitchen equipment is built with 4 inch legs or wheels which elevate the item off the floor. If damaged these should be repaired and not removed.



Remove standing water inside your facility. The moisture contributes to decay which ultimately results in pest issues.

Dispose of cardboard as soon as cartons are emptied. Cardboard can be used as rodent nest material. Install door sweeps on all doors.

Educate your staff to be on the lookout for pests and teach them to document locations and pests. This will help Schendel Pest Control better serve you.

Remove scrap wood from both inside and outside your building.

Seal cracks and crevices around the outside of your building to prevent pest entry.

Mount exterior lights away from doors into the facility.

Remember, we're just a phone call away - so give us a call: 641-752-0986.

Why Use Professional Pest Management?

Our technicians spend a significant amount of time in training sessions where they learn the latest information about pests and pest control. The technician must know about the biology and habits of the pests that pose problems in your business so they can prescribe the appropriate treatment.

The technician must be aware of the many new methods of pest control that are being developed. Many years ago, the only tools available for pest control were spray cans and chemical sprays. Today, however, our arsenal is filled with different kinds of tools such as baits, inspection tools, nonchemical tools and pressurized insecticides.

Have a question about pests? We're here to help so give us a call.

About Schendel

With over 50 years serving homes and businesses in and around Marshalltown, we, at Schendel Pest Control, strive to continue to be your choice in general pest control. Our technicians are educated and skilled in classes presented by Iowa State and Purdue University. They are prepared to not only control pests, but find them as well. With an entomologist on staff, we can identify and locate the source of any pest problem we encounter in your area and solve it!

We pride ourselves in our high standards of performance and customer service. Our treatment programs are based on as little intrusion into your daily life as possible. You'll find that we go the extra mile to solve your pest problems. Give us a try! Call today!



This newsletter is produced to bring you information that will help prevent and eliminate pests from your commercial facility. We would appreciate it if you would pass this newsletter along to colleagues who might need our services. If you have questions or comments, please call **Schendel Pest Control** at 641-752-0986!



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Here's What We Do

We protect the following types of businesses from pests and the damage they can cause. No Iowa pest proves to be too difficult for us to take care of. That includes wildlife, termites, mosquitoes, bed bugs, wasps, bees, rodents and many more!

- Restaurants
- Industrial Plants
- Agricultural facilities (hog confinements, grain elevators, etc.)
- Hotels, motels
- Veterinarians
- Florists
- Factories
- Food Processing
- Retail stores
- Theaters
- Bakeries
- Schools
- Churches

Schendel Pest Control's philosophy of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), is a combination of pest management methods that produce long-term results.

Your Commercial Facility Attracts Pests Because. . .

Pests are attracted to many of the same things people are: food, water and shelter. When you consider that commercial facilities provide for all these necessities in abundance, it's no wonder pests are eager to set up housekeeping. Let's take a look at each life requirement.

Food. Take a look at the list of facilities we serve. Every one of these facilities contains food

of some kind that pests relish.

Water. Water is the most important life requirement for all living things.

Again, each of the facilities listed makes water available somewhere.

Shelter. Various pests have different requirements when it comes to shelter - but one thing is certain - these areas of shelter can be difficult to find, to clean and to treat.



Rodent Problems Can Be Solved

Effective rodent prevention involves sanitation and mouse-proof construction. When a rodent infestation already exists, some form of population reduction is almost always necessary. That's where Schendel comes in.

Sanitation. No matter how good the sanitation, most buildings in which food is stored, handled or used will support rodents if not rodent-proofed. Although good sanitation will seldom eliminate rodents,

poor sanitation is sure to attract them and will permit them to thrive in greater numbers.

Rodent-Proof Construction. The most successful and permanent form of rodent control is to "build them out" by eliminating all openings through which they can enter a structure. All places where food is stored, processed or used should be made rodent-proof.

Seal any openings larger than 1/4 inch to exclude mice. Steel wool mixed with caulking compound makes a good plug or some of the newer rodent-proofers. Seal cracks and openings in building foundations and openings for water pipes, vents and utilities with metal or concrete.

