



CHANGES IN PEST MANAGEMENT

There is a lot more to pest management than just exterminating pests. How has the industry evolved in North Carolina?

- It's a lot more than just exterminating pests in houses. There are businesses such as restaurants, manufacturing plants, hospitals, etc. where some pests (such as roaches and rodents) may spread diseases or pathogens like *Salmonella*.
- Exterminating usually means spraying a chemical to most people. The industry looks to solve pest problems using the most effective methods while reducing the risk of pesticide exposure to people.
- In some cases, "extermination" may mean using nothing more than a sticky trap. What the industry provides to people is their expertise in identifying a pest problem and then knowing how to solve the problem.
- Members of the North Carolina Pest Management Association (NCPMA) are dedicated to providing the most up-to-date pest management methods to customers and realize that no two cases are the same.
- NCPMA members use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods when possible. IPM uses environmentally friendly pest management methods that reduce the use of chemicals.