Washington State University (WSU) actively pursues a coordinated research, teaching, and extension approach to integrated pest management (IPM).

With a firm foundation of laboratory and applied research, faculty and staff actively communicate the latest in crop protection and sustainable pest management tactics to our state’s agricultural producers and other end-users.

A wide variety of research-based information is provided to students, growers, structural pest control operators, landscapers, schools, and homeowners, including:

- printed materials
- classroom instruction
- field demonstrations
- websites
- workshops
- IPM certification program
- pesticide safety education
- database of registered pesticides
- database of tolerance limits
- expert counsel
- development and implementation of IPM strategies in agricultural settings

Coordinated programs within the university include the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service, the Agricultural IPM Program, and the Urban IPM and Pesticide Safety Education Program.

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Integrated pest management is important to Washington’s citizens regardless of where they live, what they do for a living, and what types of recreation they pursue. Changes in pesticide use patterns that decrease spray drift, runoff, and inadvertent exposure to humans or the environment are critical in urban, suburban, agricultural, and natural areas.