

Southern New Hampshire University Integrated Pest Management

What is IPM?

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan is a pest management strategy that utilizes a wide range of pest control methods. The goal is to prevent pests from reaching economically or aesthetically damaging levels with the least risk to the environment. This practice enables a specialist to make intelligent, site-specific decisions about control.

How SNHU uses IPM

Our goals as they pertain to the use of pesticides is to maintain, enhance, and protect our grounds in a sustainable and responsible manner, using IPM (Integrated Pest Management). By using IPM, this can be done by utilizing spot spraying, attacking highly visible areas only. Young and less visible weeds may be missed but only a fraction of the amount of herbicide is used while maintaining curb appeal. As SNHU strives to minimize pesticide use, it is recognized that it is not always the best approach. All methods of pest control are carefully and professionally selected for each target promoting effective management with the least impact on the environment. SNHU and its vendors comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the EPA and the NH Department of Agriculture and the division of Pesticide Control.

The SNHU Grounds Management team uses a 75% organic to 25% synthetic blend on the acres of fertilized land. This total includes the athletic fields. IPM program is used for athletics (5 acres), primary campus (7 acres), and secondary campus (4 acres). These acres have been treated using organic based fertilizer, with a conventional control spray.