

WAREHOUSES Need Pest Control Too

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Many companies find pest control in commercial warehouses to be a great challenge. A warehouse can be affected by various animals or pests. The clients of these warehouses know exactly how to work with them and what options need to be included in order to have a clean storage space. However, warehouses are harder to clean when they contain food supplies or similar items. You can protect your storage unit and eliminate all pests by taking into account the following steps:

Assessment - This is the first thing to do when developing a pest control program. This is not an easy task, since the main focus is on the food and water sources, the entry points, the spaces dedicated to employees or customers, the shelter areas etc. The professionals hired have to assess all the locations in a warehouse (storage room, janitorial closet, pantry, cafeteria, comfort and utility rooms, the places where the merchandise is shipped and received, etc.)

Building design - After the warehouse has been assessed and the possible problems have been identified, it is time to examine the traffic of the building. This can be calculated according to the number of clients and employees that walk around the building every single day. The entry areas are very important: pedestrian and overhead doors, electrical conduits, water sources or fence lines.

Pest ID - For every category of pests, there is a different treatment method that depends mostly on the way in which pests react to it. Professionals that deal with situations of this kind normally gather up information from various workers in order to monitor the existent issues better and to prevent future infestations.

Programs - Since warehouses are very different from one to another, every single space needs a customized pest control program. In this case, the weather, location, the size and age of the warehouse must be taken into account. So, in order to find the proper treatment for each kind of warehouse, experts will have to talk to the employees and check all the possible options.

Sanitation - Sanitation remains the most important element in terms of pest control or maintenance. The program destined to pest control or maintenance will be successful as long as the sanitation in the warehouse is excellent. The people that are supposed to take care of this issue will use the service record and sighting logs, the application records or the sanitation report. This can assure that the program has positive results and it will provide a healthy environment for everyone living in it.

Pest management methods - The integrated pest management is a method applied by pest controllers, which makes use of sanitation, traps, inspections, pest monitors or chemicals. All the elements above are meant to come up with a program that will kill pests for good. This will also teach the employees about the correct practices and strategies that are supposed to keep pests under control. In addition to this, the method diminishes the use of toxic chemicals or other harmful elements.

There are other types of services which can be included:

- Rodent or insect traps;
- Caulking pipes and lines;
- Changes in terms of structure;
- Filing insect sightings;
- Keeping records or reports for officials and clients.

Safety - Safety is necessary to this method and basically to all warehouses. The main advantages that might come with this program are:

Constant services - in this case, services are available anytime you might need them. Professionals make their schedule according to your personal needs.

Quality - the level of quality is examined at all times and it surpasses the normal standards imposed by the licensing bureau or the state. In addition to this, they come up with customized documents (log books) and sanitation, while their employees are trained and licensed.

Communication - the IPM assures positive results. The log books provided by them contain accurate data, guidelines and reports that are necessary during the safety and review inspection.

