

Marin County IPM Achievement Award Nomination Form



Integrated Pest Management is a long-term process in which ‘pesticides’ are the last items in our procedural toolkit to address a ‘pest’ such as weeds, insects, bacteria, viruses, or other organisms that adversely and significantly affect a larger system. IPM focuses on prevention and the long-term. Excellent IPM resources include: <https://bit.ly/3diBSp7> and <http://ipm.ucanr.edu>. At these links, you’ll find the following definitions and clear, practical methods:

“Integrated pest management, or IPM, is a process you can use to solve pest problems while minimizing risks to people and the environment. IPM can be used to manage all kinds of pests anywhere—in urban, agricultural, and wildland or natural areas.”

Definition of IPM

IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and nontarget organisms, and the environment.”

What is a pest?

Pests are organisms that damage or interfere with desirable plants in our fields and orchards, landscapes, or wildlands, or damage homes or other structures. Pests also include organisms that impact human or animal health. Pests may transmit disease or may be just a nuisance. A pest can be a plant (weed), vertebrate (bird, rodent, or other mammal), invertebrate (insect, tick, mite, or snail), nematode, pathogen (bacteria, virus, or fungus) that causes disease, or other unwanted organism that may harm water quality, animal life, or other parts of the ecosystem.”

The Marin County Integrated Pest Management Achievement Award recognizes individuals and organizations that innovate, develop knowledge and skills, provide leadership, inspire, and show courage in pest management. Nominees might be exemplary in one or both of:

- a. IPM methods and applications in the field.
 - b. Leadership, Advocacy and Education.
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For example, you might nominate one or more persons or an organization that:

- Follows IPM principles and processes to prevent pests or damage.
- Decreased or stopped the use of pesticides.
- Decreased the toxicity (e.g., signal word) of any pesticide(s) used.
- Increased use of organic pesticides.

The IPM Commission may recognize up to two individuals and/or organizations per year that meet the eligibility and criteria below. It is sufficient to nominate and amplify information on just 3 or 4 criteria in item #4 in the **Nomination Form**, below. One need not intensively hit all 10 criteria to be eligible and worthy to receive the award. In the information you provide, please:

1. Ensure that ample background is provided on the person(s)/organization(s) so that Commissioners will know who they are and their role(s).
 2. Summarize the IPM process undertaken, for example all efforts prior to any use of pesticides.
 3. Include, as feasible and appropriate:
 - a. Quantitative data (e.g., acres or square feet involved; amount of pests decreased as measured by...; pesticide use decreased or eliminated) and
 - b. Qualitative information (increased community interest and participation in IPM practices as indicated by...; types of target pests affected; increased food and shelter provided to beneficials; conditions changed to decrease pest pressure; benefits achieved in horticultural or food crops).
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Nominate a candidate (individual or organization) by filling out and submitting the **IPM Achievement Award Nomination Form** below. The eligibility requirements for nominees are:

- Marin County volunteers, community leaders, commercial property owners, schools, non-profit organizations, landscape workers and pest control applicators, retailers, residents, staff, and contractors.
- Demonstrated sustained actions and / or efforts for a minimum of two years.
- Has not been a recipient of the award within the last three years.

The completed form should be sent to Jim Chayka, Marin County Parks Superintendent. The deadline for nominations for the 2021 awards is October 31, 2020.

2021 IPM Achievement Award Timeline

- July 24th, 2021: 2nd Quarter IPM Commission Meeting, Initial call for nominations
- October 23rd, 2021: 3rd Quarter IPM commission meeting, award subcommittee is formed
- October 30, 2021: IPM Award Nominations due
- January 22nd, 2021: 4th Quarter 2021 IPM commission meeting. Subcommittee presents nominees and recommendation to IPM commission. IPM Commission approves 2021 award winner
- April 23, 2022: 1st Quarter IPM Commission Meeting. 2020 IPM Achievement award ceremony.

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- 1. Name of person making nomination. We may want to contact you for more information. Please provide telephone number and email.**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- 2. Individual or organization being nominated:**

Name of organization:

Name of individual:

Position of individual within the organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- 3. Why does this individual or organization deserve a Marin County IPM Achievement Award?**

- 4. Please identify which of the selection criteria the Nominee meets (minimum of three) and how often the criteria were met:**

1. Developed and implemented imaginative ideas, new ways of doing things
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
2. Found ways to make the most out of existing resources
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
3. Questioned existing assumptions and beliefs; encouraged people to think of and consider implementing alternative ways of doing things with demonstrable results
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
4. Considered constraints that limited innovation; worked within constraints to create novel approaches
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always

5. Showed a commitment to applying innovative techniques to their specific circumstances and sharing their experience with others
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
6. Increased the public's understanding of IPM through scientific discovery, innovation, and its communication to the public
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
7. Encouraged others to help raise public understanding of IPM
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
8. Promoted engagement of scientists, environmental experts, IPM experts, public health and animal health experts in public outreach
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
9. Fostered awareness of IPM among broad segments of the population
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always
10. Championed changes in knowledge, awareness, and/or behavior related to pesticide use
1 – Never 2 – Occasionally 3 – Frequently 4 – Always

5. Please provide supporting examples how each of the selection criteria identified above were met:

6. Please include any additional information or comments relative to this nomination:

7. If there are any photos of nominee IPM projects or work, please include up to three as an attachment to this nomination form.