

It is the purpose and intent of this IPM Policy to ensure that the City of Hercules (City) departments and all those who apply pesticides to property owned and/or managed by the City utilize integrated pest management (IPM) practices and reduce pesticide applications on public-owned and/or City managed property to the maximum extent feasible and as required by State and Regional Stormwater regulation.

The City, in carrying out its pest management operations, shall focus on long term prevention or suppression of pest problems with minimum impact on human health, non-target organisms, and the environment.

The goal of the City is to reduce its use of pesticide use and use to maximum extent possible non-toxic methods to control pests on City property. The City recognizes that pesticides are potentially hazardous to human health and the environment, and non-pesticide alternatives will be considered over toxic pesticides on City property. The City developed IPM Program for the City of Hercules that ensure that less toxic methods are used to control pests on City property.