

# Are you Qualified for Pest Patrol?

Match each pest problem with the least toxic way to attack it.  
Then try these ways when you need to pester pests!

Choosing from many ways to manage pests is called integrated pest management, or IPM.

Do you know how to prevent each of these pests from becoming a nuisance? Draw a line to connect each question with the correct answer. Need help? Look throughout this book to find the answers.

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| <b>1</b> You see purple loosestrife. What do you do?                  | <b>A</b> Tuck your pant legs into your socks when walking in tall grass or areas where these insects may live. |
| <b>2</b> How do you keep roaches out of your home?                    | <b>B</b> Be very still. Don't panic! Just blow at it gently. It will move.                                     |
| <b>3</b> What should you do to avoid tick bites?                      | <b>C</b> Pull it up right away. Put the pieces in plastic bags.                                                |
| <b>4</b> How do you keep mosquitoes from using your yard to lay eggs? | <b>D</b> Make sure there are no open containers with water, where these biters can breed.                      |
| <b>5</b> A bee lands on you. What do you do?                          | <b>E</b> Keep food in closed containers, clean up crumbs, and take the garbage out every day.                  |



With the right information and tools, we can solve our pest problems... **AND** be friends to Earth and nature!

## That's IPM!

*Starlings and some other songbirds use natural pest-killers. They line their nests with special plants that give off chemicals that help keep tiny, blood-sucking animals away from their young.*



**Tip for Grown-ups:**  
For more information on IPM see [www.ipminstitute.org](http://www.ipminstitute.org)