



Pest control. Peace of mind.

Colby Pest Control GREEN PROGRAM

Los Angeles-area customers now have a new green option for pest control. Colby Pest Control has become the first company in Southern California to offer a Green Shield Certified service for customers seeking effective, low impact pest management.

“Controlling pests effectively does not require regular or routine application of pesticides,” according to Dr. Thomas Green, president of the IPM Institute of North America, who performed the on-site evaluation of Colby’s new service. “In fact, studies show that the best control is achieved by pest management professionals who focus on fixing the cause of the problem, rather than simply treating the symptoms on every service visit.”

“Our customers are not hiring us to spray chemicals,” says Glenn Colby who owns the company. “They want a pest-free home or workplace which is what we work to deliver.”

Colby left his original employer to start his own business in 1986. “Being trained to ‘spray here’ and ‘spray there’ didn’t make any sense to me,” Colby reports. “Inspecting to uncover and correct conditions that might lead to pest problems, and putting monitoring traps in the right place, is a lot smarter way to go.”

Colby services residential and commercial customers including multi-unit housing, restaurants, schools, health clinics and other customers throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties. He relies heavily on monitoring and inspection as the first lines of defense against pest problems.

When a pesticide is called for, Green Shield Certified practitioners work to use the least amount of the least toxic products available. “There will be times when a pesticide is needed to achieve an acceptable level of control,” Green reports. “Thanks to hard work by those in the industry, we now have many options that are much less toxic, with much less potential for contact with people or pets, than we had just ten years ago.”

Green Shield Certified is operated by the IPM Institute of North America, Inc., an independent, non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin. Modeled after the Institute’s award-winning IPM STAR program for schools, Green Shield Certified is available to pest control companies and services, as well as facilities other than schools.