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## PEST PROBLEMS IN VALLEJO? CALL AN IPM CERTIFIED PRO



If you have a pest problem, you may be able to solve it yourself with the help of the wonderful fact sheets available through [OurWaterOurWorld.org](http://OurWaterOurWorld.org). However, if you need to hire a professional pest control service, look for a company that offers less-toxic pest control or Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The easiest way to do this is to visit [www.BayWise.org](http://www.BayWise.org) for a list of IPM certified pest control professionals.

IPM focuses on long-term prevention of pests and their damage through a combination of techniques. Pesticides are used only if truly necessary and are effective against specific pests while minimizing risks to people, pets, wildlife, beneficial insects, and our environment. It is a common

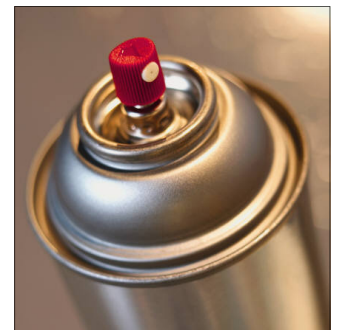
sense preventative approach and is less toxic than conventional spraying. IPM methods are based on extensive scientific research.

While traditional methods of pest control usually involve only periodic applications of pesticides, IPM certified contractors are taught to look for the sources of pests. The IPM certification designation is used to alert residents that their pest control professional will use minimal chemicals when needed, and those chemicals will have minimal impact on people, pets and wildlife, and stormwater runoff.

While Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District does not endorse any particular pest control

operator, we do encourage residents to use certified vendors in order to maintain a healthy home environment and prevent pollution into local waters. Two such certification programs are EcoWise and Green Pro.

Residents are encouraged to find a certified pest control service near them by visiting [www.BayWise.org](http://www.BayWise.org).



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# COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IS COMING!



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 17th, and join us for a great morning of sprucing up Vallejo.

California Coastal Cleanup Day is the premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment in the country. In 2010, more than 80,000 volunteers worked together to collect more than

146,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our creeks and waterways.

Since the program started in 1985, more than one million Californians have removed more than 1.4 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast.

And Vallejo is a critical part of the state's success!

**Last year, 950 Vallejo volunteers collected more**

**than 12,000 pounds of trash and recyclables.**

There were a total of sixteen cleanup sites: thirteen public sites on Saturday, and four private sites that were cleaned during the prior week.

Among the interesting finds last year were an anchor, towline from a tugboat, a whole fresh birthday cake, bottle rocket, camper shell and a rubber inflatable raft.

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District is the lead sponsor of the event, which is coordinated with the great help of our friends at VALCORE Recycling and Recology Vallejo. Other fantastic partners and sponsors include the City of Vallejo, Greater Vallejo Recreation District, and Solano County.

Make plans to join us on Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. Afterwards, join volunteers at the Harbor Office for a free lunch!



## Tip of the Season

*On page one of this newsletter, we mentioned one use of [www.BayWise.org](http://www.BayWise.org). Here's some other cool stuff on the site: residents and businesses can search recycling locations by item and location, such as "Where can I recycle motor oil in Vallejo? Pesticides in Union City? Leftover medications in Napa?" All will be answered on this great site, which also has a new eco-home feature.*

*Click on different household activities to find ways to conserve water, harvest rain, practice Bay-friendly gardening, stop pests from bugging you, and much, much more! Check it out at:*

[www.BayWise.org](http://www.BayWise.org)



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## FREE FIELD TRIPS FOR STUDENTS

Every year, hundreds of school children visit the District to learn how to protect the Bay by preventing water pollution. We offer free field trips to our wastewater treatment plant to students in grades 4 and 5. We cover the cost of the bus that brings students to the plant, and to an optional visit at VALCORE

Recycling nearby.

The tours run on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30. Prior to the tour, we provide teachers with videos and classroom projects to help prepare students for their visit.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kaiser at 644-8949 ext. 292.

