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Challenges for pest management in the urban environment

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Pests are organisms that cause harm or loss to resources valued by people. Given the physical and biological diversity of urban environments coupled with high densities of human inhabitants, pest organisms are likely to abound and have a significant impact. This paper explores the unique difficulties that challenge urban pest managers and explores what can and what cannot be transferred from agricultural environments. The potential to apply integrated pest management (IPM) in the urban environment is also challenged, and future research into pest management is suggested.