When looking for a pest management company, make sure to choose a member of the New Jersey Pest Management Association (leaders in the pest management industry).

“Selecting a qualified and licensed pest management company is critically important” says Len Douglen, Executive Director of the NJPMA. “At stake is not only the effective elimination of your pest problem, but also the health and safety of you and your family“.

**BEFORE YOU HIRE A PRO, THE NJPMA RECOMMENDS**

- Certification. Call the certifying state agency for information about pest management professionals in your area. They are required to attend pesticide safety and applicator certification courses. Continuing education is mandatory.
- A license. Ask to see their NJ DEP license and make sure they are a member of national, state or local pest management associations.
- Referrals. Ask people to recommend companies they’ve used successfully.
- Reliability. Check with the Department of consumer Affairs in your area and see if complaints have been filed against the company and how they were resolved.
- Bids. If a sizable amount of money is involved, get several bids.
- Before signing a contract be sure you fully understand the nature of the pest problem, the extent of the infestation, and the work necessary to solve the problem.
- Liability Insurance. Make sure the company has adequate insurance to cover any damages to your house or possessions during treatment.
- For a list of licensed and qualified pest management professionals in your area, visit [www.njpma.com](http://www.njpma.com). Get your pest control questions answered by our experts, view frequently asked questions by consumers and more. Need pest control tips on how to control pests in your home? It’s all there.

*The New Jersey Pest Management Association’s Mission is to provide its members with current information of the pest control industry so they may maintain the highest level of quality service and knowledge. This includes legislative issues, training, education and all aspects of the industry that impacts pest control companies in the state of New Jersey.*