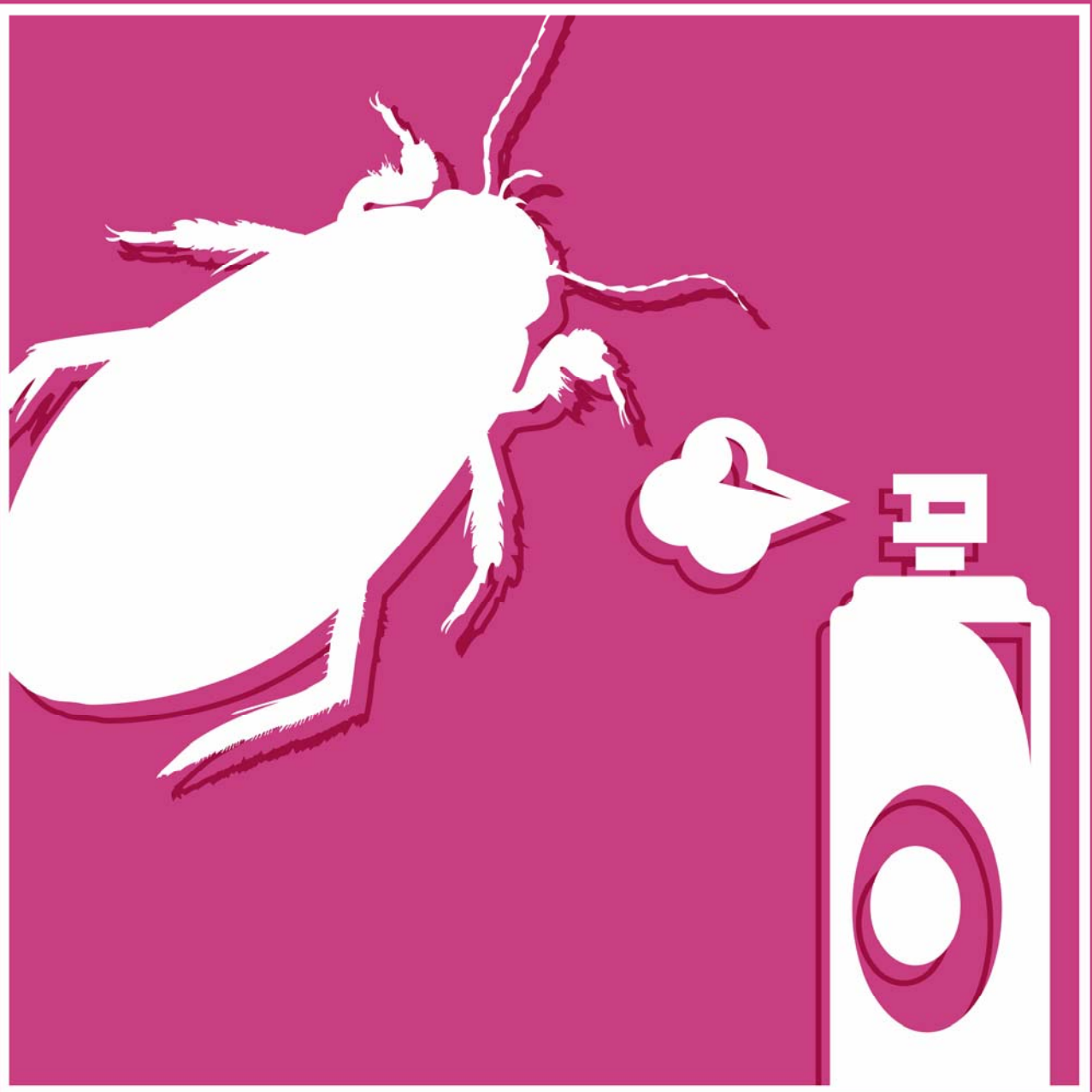


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Snapshot

This lesson examines environmentally friendly ways to keep our homes and schools pest-free. We define pests, pesticides, household hazards, chemicals, and toxic, and explores strategies for keeping common household hazards out of reach.

Preparation and Materials:

- Posters 1–3, Visual Cards 1–5, Household Hazards Hunt Handout, Take-Home Talk
- Poison Control stickers (*call your local poison control center to receive these*)
- Flip chart and markers
- Black or white board
- Large sheets of paper for each child to make a poster
- Markers or crayons
- Select up to five students to read and speak in front of the class

Suggested Giveaways: Poison Control stickers or magnets

Objectives—Students will be able to:

- define *pests, pesticides, household hazards, hazardous, and toxic*;
- list the steps to take if you ingest or touch a household hazard; and
- name three household pests and explain how to safely get rid of them.

Vocabulary: pests, pesticides, household hazards, chemicals, toxic

Procedure:

1. Introduction (*8 minutes*)
2. Define Vocabulary—Pests, Pesticides, and Household Hazards (*5 minutes*)
3. Safely Getting Rid of Pests and Pest Detectives Activity (*15–25 minutes*)
Optional Activity: Pest Free Poster Creation (*10–15 minutes*) *Note: If you do the Pest Free Poster Creation, you can end the lesson there and pick it back up in the next session.*
4. Keeping Household Hazards Out of Reach and Find the Household Hazards Activity (*5–15 minutes*)
Optional Activity: Creating Household Hazards Warning Signs (*10 minutes*)
5. Close and Take-Home Talk (*5 minutes*)