

Green Shield Certified and LEED Compatibility: One-Page Guide

LEED is a highly-respected certification and standards system for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of green buildings, homes and neighborhoods, created by the nonprofit US Green Building Council of Washington D.C.

Green Shield Certified is an award-winning green pest management certification program for pest management service providers, facilities, and programs created by the nonprofit IPM Institute of North America.

Facilities pursuing LEED certification for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance (EBOM) may contract with a Green Shield Certified member company to help win 2 credit points. The USGBC recognizes and informally prefers Green Shield Certified service providers. Facilities may also achieve Green Shield Certification themselves to win the 2 credit points.

Green Shield Certified Standards are based on **Integrated Pest Management**, a proactive, information-rich, prevention-based method of managing pests focusing on exclusion, monitoring, education, and using least-risk pesticides only as a last resort. **Green Shield's rigorous, publicly available standards** include ensuring that monitoring and exclusion are used first, that all legal requirements are met, and that a limited product list is used, including prohibition of carcinogens, cholinesterase inhibitors, neurotoxins, reproductive or developmental toxins and endocrine disruptors.

PMPs may certify a single service, or their entire company.

Facility managers may certify their facility IPM programs.

IPM program managers may certify their programs.

Green Shield Certified Guiding Principles include **knowledge, monitoring & inspection, action only when necessary, documenting performance, using least-toxic options, ensuring effective pest management, continuous improvement, communication and outreach**, with **a reduction in health hazards and environmental hazards as the bottom line.**