





PESTS

High temperatures and relative humidity, clutter, and lack of housekeeping attract a variety of pests, from booklice to mice, that damage materials directly by eating or nesting in them, or indirectly through their leavings.

MITIGATING THE THREAT:

- ◆ Maintain cool, clean, and somewhat dry environments.
- ◆ Prohibit eating and drinking.
- ◆ Avoid chemical fumigants, which harm collections.
- ◆ Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles to track pest activity.



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