

General Pest Preparation - all crawling pests

(ants, roaches, silverfish, earwigs, sow bugs, pill bugs, carpet beetles, scorpions, fleas, crickets.)

Inside

- Clear baseboards throughout the house.
- Remove animals (dogs, cats, hamster, etc.)
- Cover and unplug filter to fish tanks.
- Be prepared to put house plants outside for 2-8 hours.
 - healthy adults 2 hours.
 - children 3-4 hours.
 - babies and pregnant women 4 hours.
 - Respiratory/allergy problems 4-6 hours.
- Leave windows and doors closed and locked for burglary protection.

• **Outside**

- Mow and water before we come. Works best if you do NOT mow or water for at least 2 days following treatment.
- Leave gates unlocked and garage open.

Cockroaches German (small brown, mainly in kitchen)

- Completely empty all kitchen and bathroom cupboards.
 - If roaches seen in bedroom, empty chest of drawers, dresser drawers, and closet shelves.
 - Pile things on tables, couches, etc, or in middle of floors (not against baseboards). Cover completely with sheets, blankets, etc..
 - Wipe down cupboard shelves, counter tops, etc. before treatment.
 - Clean stove tops (lift and clean undersides of top) and exhaust fumes.
 - Pull out refrigerator and clean back, bottom and floors.
 - Be prepared to vacate property for 2-4 hours.
 - Upon return, you may find dead roaches, wipe them up. Wipe down tables and table tops.
 - Do not wipe out cupboards. You may put contents back without fear of contamination.
 - Allow 2 full weeks for complete control. What we spray does not penetrate egg shells, but is a residual which will kill the young roaches after they hatch from the eggs. Generally it will take up to two weeks for the eggs to hatch and/or for the larger roaches, which are hiding in inaccessible parts of the walls to come out and get in our residual.
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- **Oriental** (large shiny black)
 - Empty lower cupboards in bathrooms and kitchen, especially under the sink.
 - Clear area around washer/dryer.
 - If in garage, clear baseboards.
 - What we will do will keep these pests from nesting in your property.

Fleas - All kinds

- Have pets treated the same day.
- Vacuum all carpeted areas.
- Lift pillows on couches, chairs and vacuum.
- Remove vacuum bag, place in plastic bag and throw away outside.
- Pick up all loose articles (clothing, toys, magazines, etc.) off floors.
- Pull furniture 12" from wall (not bookcases or other heavy pieces which have access to wallboards underneath).
- Wash pet bedding or replace.
- Wash bed linens (unwashable blankets, etc., may be hung over doors so that any eggs on them will roll off).

Follow up

- Wait two days to vacuum, then vacuum every other day for 10 days. Throw out vacuum bag after each use.
- It will take up to two weeks for flea eggs and pupae to hatch. Please allow this amount of time for control to be achieved.
- Please put animals on a regular treatment program.
- You must force the fleas off the animal into our residual.

Carpet Beetles

- Pull furniture 12-18" from wall.
- Empty linen closets-wash contents.
- Empty closet or chest of drawers where found. Wash or dry clean contents (in financial pinch, may hang out in yard on a sunny day.)
- Check house eaves and remove all bird nests.
- Been to the mountains lately? Put pines cones etc. outside for at least two weeks.

Meal Moths and Pantry Beetles

- Empty pantry or cupboards where seen - stack on tables or in middle of floors. Cover with sheet etc.
- Wipe-out cupboard shelves before service.
- Check cereal foods, spices, dry foods, pet foods, bird seeds, etc.
- If larvae found, throw entire contents of that box/bag out (in plastic bag, outside garbage cans).
- For extremely valuable spices, coffees, etc., you can freeze for 3 days.
- Remove house plants from interior of the house.