

A Healthy Home is A Pest-Free Home!

Residents play a very important part in Pest Control! Did you know that pests like cockroaches, mice, rats, ants, and other pests, and the chemicals used to treat them, can contribute to asthma and other health problems. The best ways to rid your home of pests is to GET ORGANIZED!!! Clutter is the #1 reason for pest infestations. Clutter provides cockroaches, ants, spiders, and mice with a place to live and breed. Other suggestions you can do to rid your home of pests are:

PREVENT PESTS IN THE KITCHEN:

- Keep all food in sealed plastic or glass containers. Good storage practices will discourage mice, cockroaches and other pests in your home.
- Use a covered wastebasket for trash.
- Take the trash out every night.
- Clean cooking grease from stove, walls, and cabinets..
- Keep the refrigerator and the oven clean.
- Keep sink clear of dirty dishes and water.
- Clean floors often, especially around refrigerator and stove.
- Clean pet bowls between meals; don't leave food or water out overnight. Keep dry pet food in tight containers and away from the kitchen and other food.

PREVENT PESTS IN THE BEDROOM:

- Avoid eating in the bedroom.
- Remove dirty plates, food, and wrappers.
- Place dirty laundry in a bag or hamper.

PREVENT PESTS AROUND WATER:

- Keep the sink dry when not in use.

REDUCE PLACES THAT PESTS CAN HIDE:

- Reduce clutter, especially in closets, cupboards, and cabinets.
- Recycle unused bags, paper, and newspaper.
- Get rid of cardboard. Cardboard boxes provide a favorite living place for cockroaches.



PREVENT PESTS FROM RETURNING

- Vacuum regularly to remove occasional pests such as spiders and ants.
- Vacuum roach and rodent feces.
- Vacuum cabinets where pests are found.
- Give everything a good soapy wash! (especially inside cabinets and drawers).
- Seal infested food and vacuum bags in a plastic bag and deposit outside in a closed trash can.
- Keep trash picked up outside of your home.
- Keep your storage area free of clutter. Store items in plastic containers to protect them and to get rid of cardboard boxes.

REPORT PEST INFESTATION PROBLEMS TO MAINTENANCE. MAINTENANCE WILL:

- Replace worn, cracked refrigerator seals.
- Repair leaks around the sink, toilet, & tub.
- Seal openings around the toilet and pipes.
- Repair leaks under the sink.
- Repair cracks in walls.
- Repair holes in window screens.
- Use pesticides/bombs as needed.

KEEP YOUR HOME PEST-FREE!

