



COCKROACH TREATMENT

CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



How To Prepare For Your Cockroach Treatment

CHECKLIST

- All items in the kitchen and bathroom cupboards must be removed.
- The kitchen and bathroom must be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate any food sources that the cockroaches could be feeding on. * As a reference, cockroaches will feed on their own feces, so extreme cleanliness is essential to a successful treatment *.
- Ensure that you pull out the fridge and stove to clean the sides of the appliances as well as the space behind.
- Walls must be cleaned to remove grease from cooking.
- Remove all shelf paper from the interior of your cupboards and cabinets.
- All food items must be stored in pest proof containers, bags or in the refrigerator. Pest proof containers can be easily found at your local dollar store or grocery store.
- Some common items that are frequently forgotten during proper food storage:
 - Boxes of pasta that do not have a plastic liner, such as macaroni and cheese
 - Fresh fruit left on kitchen counters
 - Potatoes or onions left in kitchen cupboards
 - Open bags of chips
 - Open boxes of cookies
 - Open boxes of cereal
 - Bulk foods
 - Bags of pet food
 - Clean the outside of your cooking oil bottles – oil residue on the outside of a bottle can be a food source



- Pet food must be contained while we are remediating a cockroach infestation.
 - Open pet food provides a perfect source of food for a cockroach it must be contained or it could prolong the amount of time it takes to fully eliminate a cockroach infestation.
- Identify any leaks or sources of water and have them repaired/removed.
- Kitchen and bathroom garbage and organics must be thrown out daily.

————— After Your Treatment —————

Live cockroaches may be visible for 2-3 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. Remember that cockroaches may not leave their harborage for a number of days after treatment, However, all cockroaches will die within 1-2 days after feeding on the gel bait. The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- DO NOT use other pesticides (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as these products will reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatment.
- The bait will remain active for up to 1 month if left undisturbed, but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.
- You may return all items and back to their original positions within your kitchen and bathroom after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find cockroaches we encourage our clients to unpack slowly as an additional treatment may be required and preparation may need to be re completed prior to a follow up service.



————— What You Can Expect From Your Treatment —————

Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Residual and non-residual pesticides will be applied and will be used in a manner that is most effective to take full control of the pest situation specific to your home. All treatments will be completed using an IPM (integrated pest management) approach with your health and safety in mind.

————— Safety —————

It is not necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment.

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In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

————— Additional Questions —————

Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information www.1stpestcontrol.ca, by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or info@1stpestcontrol.ca

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.