



COCKROACHES NOT WELCOMED

Control Measures

- Good sanitation and hygiene e.g. clean kitchen and sink every night
- Dispose of waste in bins with lid
- Remove garbage from premises at appropriate intervals
- Treat, remove or destroy harborage points
- Repair leaks, seal entry points, cracks and openings where possible
- Use only approved pesticides e.g. aerosol sprays and gels
- ALWAYS FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION

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STOP THAT ROACH



FACTS ABOUT COCKROACHES



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What Are We Dealing With?

You know that moment- that hair raising, stomach dropping moment when you hear a scuttling sound on your floor or surface, and look up or down to see a large roach running across your floor or kitchen.

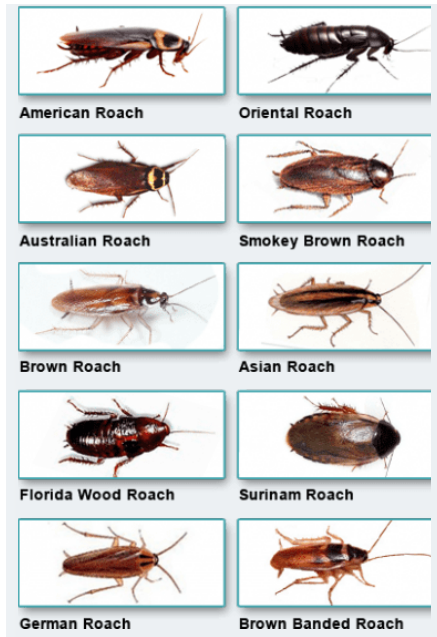
Cockroach Behaviour

- Most active at night
- Found where food is handled, stored or produced
- They hide in cracks, crevices, spaces in walls and cool areas e.g. sinks, cupboards, drains, closets, manholes
- Adult roaches enter food establishments and homes to deposit eggs and quickly establish breeding sites.
- Their presence is indicated by foul or musty odour, faeces, egg cases and live insects

Cockroach Behaviour

- German cockroaches sometimes lodge between raw materials, crates, packaging materials, linens or laundry.

Types of Cockroaches



- American Cockroach - sewer systems
- German Cockroach- kitchen and bathroom areas
- Australian cockroach looks similar to American cockroach but smaller
- Some species live outside in dead and decaying plants, rubbish and lumber

Food Safety & Health Concerns

01.

Vectors of disease causing organisms

02.

They will crawl over faeces and unsanitary areas, then contaminate food and utensils by depositing filth and organisms during their movement

03.

Some illnesses caused by cockroaches: dysentery, food poisoning, typhoid, diarrhoea

04.

Parasitic worms and eggs are sometimes transmitted to food from cockroaches

05.

Roaches infest, taint, and reduces the safety and aesthetic value of man's food and goods

06.

Cockroaches are offensive and will affect the reputation of food establishments

