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87pest Pest Services Prep

Pest Access & Harborage Areas: Pests seek refuge inside your home for a number of reasons. Insects may be in search of food, water, or an escape from the outdoor elements. Best practices for keeping the bugs out, include sealing cracks, crevices, and entry points, along with general cleaning (like under furniture, vacuuming (including cracks and crevices), and dusting (including corners for cobwebs). The objective is to reduce pest hiding areas, physically remove pest by dusting and vacuum, and reduce pest food sources, which is often other bugs (like spiders for example).

Facts about Pests: Spiders eat insects and bugs, the prevention of bugs getting into your home (or business) will discourage spiders. Sealing food and grains in plastic bags and containers reduce the possibility of moths and beetles getting to those things. What isn't commonly considered, is that most foods (or food packaging) is likely to have pest eggs on them when purchased. Washing food and wiping down containers is always a good idea. But checking the date and using food up quickly is the best way to prevent any eggs from hatching. Bananas that get too old will hatch fruit flies. Grains kept too long will hatch beetles, weevils, meal bugs, or moths. One very common instance of this is with dog food. The well intentioned owner will pour dog food into a plastic container or can. Each time the dog food gets low, they buy more and refill it. The problem with this is that the bottom 1 or 2 inches of dog food never get used. Eventually grain beetles hatch out, covering the garage or kitchen floor.

Successful elimination of indoor pests depends on teamwork & cooperation between the customer and pest technician. Making a conscious effort to use up food and products in a timely manner, plus regular dusting and cleaning will give you the best results to keep the bugs at bay. Sealing cracks, crevices, and entry areas, plus making sure that screens and door closures are in good working order, will really help in keeping your home or office pest free.

Recommended Procedures for Pest Customers

- **To prepare for your service, start by eliminating as much clutter as possible. Clean out cabinets, closets, storage areas, and book shelves to prepare them for treatment. Pesticides should not be applied to food cans, food boxes, dinner ware, utensils, knick-knacks, candles, or other frequently used items.**
- **Discard all clutter, cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, old magazines, newspapers, plastic & paper bags. Use up, or discard older food products.**
- **We typically do not have any problem accessing home treatment areas, but making sure furniture & other objects are separated from wall(s) by at least six inches to allow applications behind them is extra helpful. Make sure all shoes, clothing, and toys are removed from baseboard areas and stowed in a safe place.**
- **Cleaning, dusting, & vacuuming is highly recommended both before & after treatment. You get much better results from your treatment with good prep. Post cleaning is good too, just don't overdo it, diluting the pest control products.**
- **Once you are all done, throw your vacuum bag into a trash bag, tie the trash bag off, and dispose of it outside, away from your house. You wouldn't want any bugs, eggs, or baby bugs to find their way back into your home.**
- **You may wish to open the windows for ventilation after service, but our normal pest products are microencapsulated to prevent odors and particulate.**

****Non-Compliance with these procedures may render the application ineffective****