



COCKROACHES

Characteristics

Cockroaches are medium-sized to large, broad, flattened insects with long antennae. Immature cockroaches look like small adults without wings. Some people confuse them with beetles. They are nocturnal and run rapidly when disturbed. They prefer food preparation areas and bathrooms because they favour warm (70° to 75°F), humid areas that are close to food and water.

Infestation

In BC, the German cockroach has the greatest potential of becoming persistent and troublesome. Good hygiene practices are crucial to the eradication of the infestation; chemical control alone will not solve the problem. Even tiny amounts of crumbs or liquids caught between cracks provide a food source.

Before Treatment

1. Plan to be away for at least **6 to 8 hours** * after application. This includes most pets. Fish tanks should be covered and the filter turned off. Plants are ok.
 - * Small children 2 & under and people with respiratory problems or pregnant should be out **overnight** according to the BC Ministry guidelines. Apply these guidelines to special needs pets.
2. For an effective treatment, we ask **your cooperation** in carrying out the following instructions:
 - **KITCHEN & BATHROOM:** Remove all items from storage cupboards, vanities, drawers, counters, stove and fridge tops. Place these items on a table, the bathtub or in the center of the floor and cover with plastic, blankets or sheets. Store food in fridge or where other items are being stored.
 - Vacuum kitchen area, including behind and under appliances, to remove cockroaches, shed skins, and egg capsules. Carefully vacuum food and debris from cracks and crevices. Vacuumed debris should be burnt or disposed of in an outside bin.
 - Using a degreasing cleaner, get rid of any dirt, food residue and grease in the kitchen and eating areas, again paying particular attention to appliances
 - Ensure all food is sealed.

Application

A residual quick-drying pesticide is sprayed in all cupboard and storage surfaces. Baseboards and plumbing are also treated. Bait may also be placed in strategic areas at the same time.

After Treatment

Do not wash cupboard shelves and drawers for 30 days. Place **shelf paper** or newspaper on shelves and in drawers before any items are returned to the cupboards. Wash all countertops, cutting boards, fridge and stove tops with soap and water before using. Opening windows can be helpful.

Maintain good sanitation to avoid encouraging a new infestation.

What to Expect

Cockroaches will continue to hatch up to 8 weeks after treatment but will die when contacting the product.

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