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Cockroach Control, Prevention, & Prep Instructions

Roaches are much easier to prevent than to get rid of. Preventing roaches from being attracted to and infesting your home will almost always come down to proper sanitation. Clean homes and businesses can become infested if small sanitation steps are missed. You may notice that many of the prevention steps are the same as the treatment steps. When it comes to roach control, sanitation means much more than simply washing the dishes or sweeping the floor. Missing some simple sanitation steps can mean that you are leaving roaches resources to thrive on.

Eliminating food sources is the first and most important step to preventing and getting rid of roaches in your residence. While this effort involves a great deal of work and vigilance, the results are well worth the effort.

Tips for Eliminating Food Sources:

1. **Clean Kitchen Appliances.** Roaches in your kitchen are probably living off of the months or years worth of grease and food spills under, behind, and alongside your appliances. The greatest problem spots usually include the refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, toaster, microwave, and underneath the kitchen sink.
2. **Empty Cabinets and Clean them out.** Another common food source for Roaches are the crumbs and food spills inside kitchen cabinets. Focus cleaning efforts in cabinets under sink or on ground level. Remove all items in cabinets under kitchen sink.
3. **Limit food consumption to one room of the house if possible.** Allowing food to be consumed in all areas of the home leads to crumbs and food spills that often go unnoticed and make tasty temptations for Roaches. This practice contributes to the spread of an infestation to other areas of the home other than the kitchen.
4. **Vacuum the kitchen floor thoroughly each night before bed.** Roaches come out to feed at night. If you will practice your most rigorous cleaning rituals in the kitchen just before bed each night, there will be nothing or very little left for foraging roaches to snack on.
5. **Vacuum all other non-food areas of the home every 2 to 3 days.** This practice contributes to overall sanitation and also helps to eliminate roach feces, skins, body parts, and egg sacs, all of which contain pheromones that attract other roaches to the same areas. Vacuum up any visible roaches and eggs just before the service visit, using the vacuum's crevice attachment to get into cracks.

6. Wipe down kitchen counter tops with a disinfectant spray each night. Cover and store any open food. Remove all foods, small appliances, and other small items from countertops prior to scheduled service.

7. Remove items from the top of the refrigerator, stove, and any other large appliances that could not be stored. Just prior to service, move these appliances away from the wall, and clean behind and beneath them. If the stove has a removable bottom drawer that opens to the floor, you can simply pull this out, and clean it and the floor beneath. It will then not be necessary to move the entire stove.

8. Be sure that the pest control professional has free and full access to anywhere that cockroaches have been seen as well as anywhere specified by Ampulex Pest Control Professional.

9. Discard all excess paper products, and any other unused piles or trash, as these will provide harborage areas for roaches and other pests.

10. Homeowners should repair any water leaks immediately upon detection; tenants/residents should report the leak to maintenance immediately upon detection.

11. If anyone in the home has special allergy problems, is pregnant, or is under the age of one, Ampulex Pest Control Professional should be informed prior to the start of service and precautions will need to be taken. All people and pets should stay out of the area being serviced for the length of time specified by the Ampulex.

12. After service, keep sanitation to as high a level as possible to allow all products to work as swiftly as possible. Do not touch cockroach gel or allow children or pets to get near.

13. Empty pet food containers at night, or place them on the back porch or in a plastic bag. Store Food in Sealed Containers. roaches are small enough to slip into the cardboard packaging that many foods are stored in. When you open a box of cereal or crackers, transfer the bag into a seal-able plastic container. If you leave the box open, cockroaches can easily crawl inside, which will not only give them food and a place to hide, but it will also introduce some pretty major health risks for you.

14. Use a trash can with a tight fitting lid, and take out the trash each night before bed. Keep outside trash cans clean and moved away from the residence.

15. Keep children or small pets out of any area where baits have been placed, such as behind fridge and stove.

Please follow any verbal and/or written instructions provided by Ampulex Pest Control technician. For helpful resources and product safety sheets, please see our website education page. Additional questions may be sent to ampulexes@gmail.com.

Adhering to the Ampulex Pest Professional's instructions & prep will obtain results faster, so we appreciate your cooperation and thank you in advance!