



# STORED PRODUCT PEST TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



## How To Prepare For Your Stored Product Pest Treatment

### CHECKLIST

- Identification of the infestation source is essential to the successful treatment and elimination of a stored product pest. In most situations the pest will be infesting a food source stored in your cupboards or pantry.
  - Examine all dried foods, including pet food, regardless of whether the packaging is open or not.
  - Once the source has been located, immediately remove the infested product from the home.
  - If possible, please keep a sample of the insect in a small vial, or other secured storage container for the pest control technician to examine upon his arrival.
- All items in the upper and lower kitchen cupboards and all drawers must be removed and empty.
- Clear all items off the kitchen counters, top of stove, and top of refrigerator.
- The kitchen must be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate any food sources that the stored product pests could be feeding on.
- 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
  - Open bags of chips
  - Open boxes of cookies
  - Open boxes of cereal
  - Bulk foods
  - Bags of pet food
- Pet food must be contained while we are remediating a stored product pest infestation.
  - Open pet food provides a perfect source of food for a stored product pest, it must be contained or it could prolong the amount of time it takes to fully eliminate a product pest infestation
- Kitchen and bathroom garbage and organics must be thrown out daily.

### After Your Treatment

Live stored product pests may be visible for 1-2 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. Remember that stored product pests may not leave their harborages for a number of days after treatment, However, all stored product pests will die within 1-2 days after exposing themselves to the pesticides that have been applied. 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 pesticides will remain active for up to 3 months 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 after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find stored product pests 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 necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment and to remain out of the home for a minimum of 6 hours post treatment being completed. Your pest control technician will supply you with a confirmed re-entry time before you leave.

Aquariums must be covered with a wet towel and have their filters turned off.

Anyone who has allergies, asthma, is pregnant, children under the age of 2 or anyone with respiratory problems should consult their family doctor should they have concerns regarding this re-entry time.

Upon re-entry, open the windows for 20 minutes to properly ventilate the treated rooms.

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](http://www.1stpestcontrol.ca), by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or [info@1stpestcontrol.ca](mailto: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.