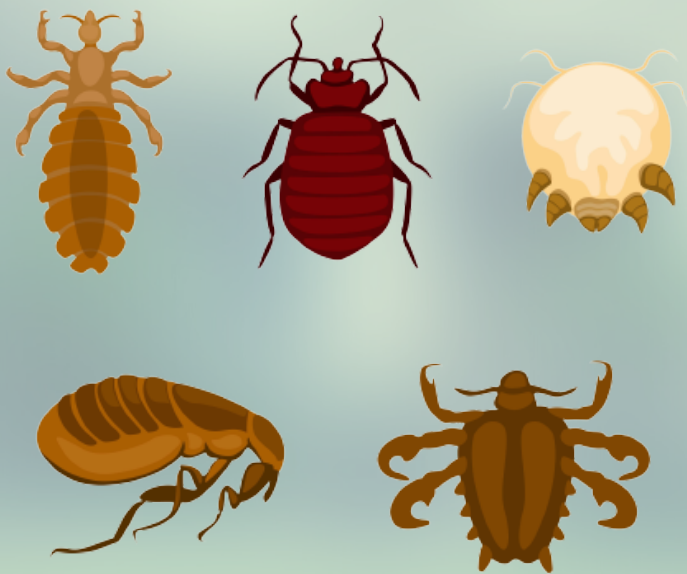


PEST INFESTATIONS

TIPS FOR PREVENTING PEST INFESTATIONS
IN YOUR PROPERTY



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Your home is where you live! And you don't want it to serve as a haven for pests! When it comes to the search for food and shelter, it is the same for all pests, including ants, cockroaches, rodents, and others. Because of this, keeping your **property clean and organized is one of the best pest-prevention practices.**

TIPS ON HOW TO PREVENT PEST INFESTATIONS

REGULARLY DISPOSE OF GARBAGE

Pests are attracted to your garbage and it can be like an inviting buffet to them, ensure to remove waste materials from within your home every day. If you have weekly garbage pickup service, you can lessen the likelihood of pests entering your home by keeping large trash cans outside or in the garage. Consider switching to garbage cans with lids if you currently have open trash cans inside your house.

Wash out food containers in the sink before discarding them if it seems to be your main source of bug issues. The residue is what the pests are after, not the container.



REPAIR EXTERIOR CRACKS AND HOLES



Infestations occur only when pests have a route into the house. It could be relatively simple to modify some potential pest entry points, such as installing screens in windows and closing external doors. Regularly inspect your home's interior and exterior to look for cracks or openings in order to be proactive about pest management. Keep an eye on the utility lines, loose siding, any gaps in the roof, and the foundation. Should you find any, patch, fill or repair them. This will not only keep pests out, but will also prevent the openings from deteriorating further.

Caulk is a great product to use. It is inexpensive, simple to use, and effective in keeping out pests. Caulk should be applied around window frames and any air intake or exhaust grilles. Use caulk to seal areas where siding meets the roof or foundation, mend small foundation and siding cracks, and more. If you intend to paint over them, latex caulk is better, although clear silicone caulk is more flexible and less prone to dry out and crack over time.

KEEP FOOD IN SAFE CONTAINERS



Pests do, in fact, possess incredible abilities for locating food sources. Ants, for instance, may detect that leftover apple pie on the counter from quite a distance since they have nearly five times as many olfactory sensors as other insects.

Use odor-blocking, properly sealed containers for your food will help keep pests out of your house. This applies to anything in your pantry as well as anything left on your kitchen counters.

HOME DEEP CLEANING



Regular deep cleaning is another effective way to remove anything that may encourage pests to enter the house. While wiping down, mopping or vacuuming every corner of your house, deep cleaning allows you to find and get rid of any pest breeding grounds. For example, small / fruit flies thrive (and multiply) in neglected drains, but you can control this by using a drain cleaner.

CLEAN AND SANITIZE SOFT SURFACES

Pests such as bedbugs and fleas can find refuge in rugs, beds, couches, and other items.

Every washable fabric item that can fit inside the washing machine should undergo a routine sanitizing cycle.

Start by giving your mattress and cushions a thorough vacuuming, and then use a disinfectant spray to clean them.



CHECK THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE PROPERTY

Although pests are a more obvious annoyance inside the home, having them around the outside is also undesirable. Take a stroll around your yard and look for anything that might be attractive for pests to settle in. For example, woodpiles should not be placed too close to your external walls, gutters should be cleaned frequently, grass should be kept short, and so on.

You should keep an eye out for any changes to your home's foundation, siding, or roofing that can be caused by pests, because they can cause significant damage to your property even from the outside.



SAFETY ISSUES WITH PEST INFESTATIONS

Pests have earned their reputation since they pose more threat to your family's health than just being unwelcome guests. Therefore, preventing pests before they even appear is the best thing you can do.

The next best thing is to deal with the pest infestation as soon as you see it. A quick response will help minimize the spread of the infestation and potential health problems, or even structural damage to your property.

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