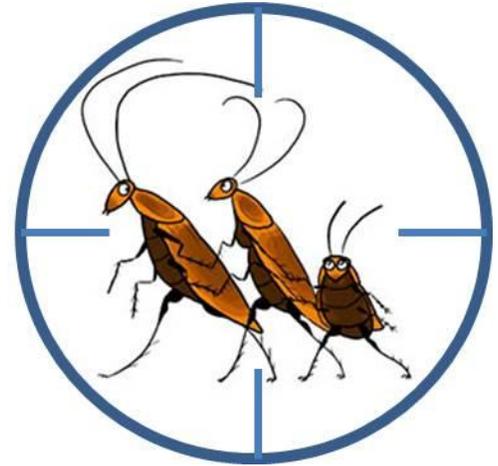


COCKROACH DETECTION

How to tell if your home has cockroaches



Think you might have cockroaches? Find out where cockroaches hide and learn the signs of cockroaches to determine if your home has these pests.

Look where cockroaches like to hide:

- Cockroaches do not like strong light. They hide in dark spaces during the day.
- Cockroaches usually prefer dark, moist and warm places that are close to food and moisture. Kitchens and bathrooms are the most common places to find cockroaches.
- In kitchens, cockroaches often hide in cupboards, beneath appliances and in hidden areas around water pipes and drains.
- Cockroaches often hide near the motors of appliances. Check below and behind stoves, refrigerators and dishwashers. Also check small kitchen appliances like microwaves, coffee makers, toasters and blenders.
- In bathrooms, cockroaches often hide at the back of bathroom cabinets and around water pipes and drains. Cockroaches will eat soap residue, toilet paper, tissues and even shed skin flakes and hair.
- Other cockroach hiding places include:
 - Inside electronic devices;
 - In crevices around baseboards, door frames and mouldings;
 - Above drop ceilings;
 - Around and inside drains, pipes or conduits;
 - Inside furniture crevices;
 - Near garbage cans and recycle bins;
 - Inside, behind or below cabinets and cupboards.

Look for signs of cockroaches:

Cockroach Droppings

- Check cupboards, floors, counters and cockroach hiding places for signs of cockroach droppings (poop). Cockroach droppings look like ground pepper or coffee grounds. The more droppings you find, the higher the number of cockroaches that are living in your home.

Shed Cockroach Skins

- Check for cast skins that look like empty bug shells. Cockroaches shed their skins 5 – 8 times as they grow and mature to adult. These skins are usually found close to where cockroaches are hiding.

Cockroach Eggs

- Cockroaches lay their eggs in egg casings that are oblong, brown sacs. Each casing can contain many eggs. When the eggs hatch, the casings are left behind.
- Look for egg casings inside pantries, behind furniture, in cracks, books or other tight protected places. If you find egg casings, cockroaches are nearby.

Cockroach Odour

- Cockroach droppings can have an oily, musty smell. If you notice a musty odour and can't find another source, you may have a cockroach infestation.

Live or Dead Cockroaches

- Finding dead cockroaches is a sign that cockroaches are in your home.
- Seeing live cockroaches is proof that you have these pests. If you see live cockroaches during the day, it is a sign that you have a significant infestation.

**If you think your apartment has cockroaches,
contact your building manager immediately.**

**The sooner everyone responds to cockroaches, the more
successful everyone will be at getting rid of these unwanted pests.**

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