

Common Pantry Pests



Indian Meal Moths

Lay 100-400 eggs a night. Distinct wing pattern with redish brown lines. Larvae leave silk webbing.



Cockroaches

Commonly found in dark spaces near water sources. Adults can produce up to 160 eggs each.



Drugstore Beetles

Redish-brown with humpbacked appearance. Can easily penetrate packaging materials.



Rodents

House Mouse commonly produces 30-35 young a year. Can jump and fit through a 1/4 inch hole.



Cigarette Beetles

Most frequently infest dried dog food and paprika. Strong fliers that are active in the late afternoon.



Whether you have a closet full of groceries in the pantry, or a small bag of dog food in the kitchen corner, pests could become attracted to your food items. Pantry Pests commonly attack cereals, flour, herbs, dried fruits, and other similar items. To ensure your home is not attractive to pantry pest invaders, review the following food storage tips for tenants:

- Place easy-access food items in sealed containers. Even if unopened, foods left in thinner plastic or cardboard are still at risk.
- Inspect items not stored effeciently to make sure that there are no bite marks, tears, or holes.
- Keep stored foods away from the walls and corners as mice tend to travel along the walls and creases in effort of keeping out of site.
- Store foods in containers made of hard, clear plastic or glass with tightly sealing caps so that you can easily see what is inside.

Pantry pests are often brought into the home through food products. The initial infestation can come from a variety of places, so be sure to inspect your items in the store and again when placing in sealed containers.

Please inform the leasing office of any pest activity in your home. The earlier an issue is discovered, the quicker the problem can be resolved.