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Cockroach Treatment Preparation Checklist

Your part in the treatment program is critical to the success of the treatment: Any deviation from these procedures places successful pest elimination in jeopardy.

- As much as possible, remove all items from the kitchen counter and bathroom vanity counter. All kitchen utensils should be removed from the kitchen counter and run through the dishwasher if possible, or placed on kitchen floor. Kitchen counter appliances often harbor cockroach infestations and must be examined to insure they are not infested with cockroaches. If an infestation is discovered in these appliances this item should be run through a dishwasher. Any infestation must be brought to the attention of the pest control technician. Food items should be placed in plastic bags or closed plastic containers. Any food item which is open to pest entry, or has been infested with cockroaches, should be disposed of outside the house.
- Microwave ovens, toaster ovens and toasters are especially susceptible to cockroach infestations and must be carefully checked for any signs of cockroach infestation. The crumb catch pans under these appliances should be emptied and cleaned prior to the removal of the appliance from the kitchen. The presence of a cockroach infestation in an appliance must be brought to the attention of the pest control technician.
- Trash cans should be checked for the presence of organic matter at the bottom of the trash can. Often trashcan liners are breached and leak organic matter which accumulates in the bottom of the can. This accumulation is a source of pest problems and must be removed.
- Items stored in the area under the sink must be removed in order to successfully treat cockroach problems. These items must be placed on the floor in front of the sink to be sprayed. Care should be taken to prevent taking cockroaches to other areas of the house. Examining all open containers for the presence of cockroach infestation must be done when the area under the sink is cleared.
- Stoves are usually major breeding sites for cockroaches. Grease is a favored food of all cockroach species and promotes breeding for cockroach pests. The catch area under the stove surface burners is often a repository of spilled food and grease. Removal of grease and food debris from this area, especially under the burners, adjacent walls, hoods, etc... is necessary to eliminate cockroaches.
- Any kitchen tools which contain hollow spaces, or internal voids, must be carefully examined for the presence of cockroach pests and run through a dishwasher if possible. The presence of a cockroach infestation in an kitchen tool must be brought to the attention of the pest control technician
- Paper products, paper bags, and storage containers must be carefully examined for cockroaches. Corrugated cardboard is especially problematic should be discarded if possible. Paper items are a preferred cockroach harborage, any paper item containing cockroaches, or evidence of cockroach activity, should be discarded.