



PREPPING FOR THE EXTERMINATOR

RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL

Your Guide to a More Effective Pest Control Service

Simple steps you can take to prepare your home or business for a successful treatment.



GERMAN COCKROACHES



ANTS



FLIES



FRUIT FLIES



PANTRY PEST (MOTHS, WEEVILS, BEETLES)



RODENTS (MICE & RATS)



SPIDERS



PROTECT YOUR HOME & BUSINESS

Keep pests out and your space safe.



MAXIMIZE TREATMENT RESULTS

Proper preparation helps ensure a more effective service.



SAVE TIME & MONEY

Good prep leads to faster service and better results.



FAMILY & EMPLOYEE SAFETY FIRST

A clean, prepared space helps keep everyone protected.



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INTRODUCTION

Preparing your home or business properly before a pest control service is one of the most important steps in achieving fast, long-lasting results.

At **Cardinal Pest Management**, we've seen firsthand how proper preparation can mean the difference between a quick resolution and an ongoing issue. This guide is designed to help both residential and commercial customers understand exactly what needs to be done before your scheduled service.

Whether you're dealing with German cockroaches, ants, flies, rodents, or pantry pests, following these steps ensures that your technician from **Cardinal Pest Management** can treat effectively, safely, and thoroughly.

SECTION 1: RESIDENTIAL PREPARATION GUIDE

GENERAL HOME PREPARATION

Before your **Cardinal Pest Management** technician arrives, please complete the following:

Clean & Declutter

- Remove clutter from floors, countertops, and under sinks
- Clear items away from baseboards and walls (important for treatment access)
- Vacuum carpets, rugs, and corners thoroughly
- Dispose of vacuum contents in an outside trash container

Kitchen Preparation

- Remove all food from countertops

- Store food in sealed containers or refrigerator
- Clean grease, crumbs, and spills from surfaces
- Empty trash and take it outside

✔ Bathroom Preparation

- Remove personal hygiene items from countertops
 - Clear under sinks
 - Wipe down surfaces
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GERMAN COCKROACH PREPARATION (CRITICAL)

German cockroach treatments require **detailed preparation** for success.

● Must Do:

- Empty cabinets and drawers where activity is present
- Clean all surfaces with soap (no bleach before treatment)
- Remove all food, dishes, and utensils
- Fix moisture issues (leaks under sinks, etc.)

⚠ Important:

At **Cardinal Pest Management**, we rely on targeted products that work best when pests are actively foraging. Over-cleaning with chemicals before service can reduce effectiveness.

ANT & GENERAL PEST PREP

- Trim vegetation touching the home exterior
 - Keep food sealed and surfaces clean
 - Remove standing water inside and outside
 - Seal obvious cracks if visible (your technician will handle advanced exclusion)
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RODENT (MICE & RATS) PREPARATION

Rodents are attracted to **food, shelter, and clutter**.

Before Service:

- Remove items from attic access areas
- Clear clutter in garages and storage rooms
- Store food (including pet food) in sealed containers
- Identify areas where droppings or noises are present

Important:

Your **Cardinal Pest Management** technician will inspect:

- Attic spaces
- Crawl spaces
- Exterior entry points

Proper access ensures we can locate and eliminate the problem quickly.

BED BUG PREPARATION (IF APPLICABLE)

- Remove all bedding and wash in hot water
 - Dry on high heat
 - Bag cleaned items until after treatment
 - Reduce clutter around sleeping areas
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PANTRY PEST & FLY PREPARATION

- Inspect and discard infested food products
 - Clean shelves thoroughly
 - Store dry goods in airtight containers
 - Clean trash cans and disposal areas
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SECTION 2: COMMERCIAL PREPARATION GUIDE

FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS

For restaurants, kitchens, and food service operations, preparation is critical for compliance and effectiveness.

At **Cardinal Pest Management**, we work discreetly and professionally to protect your reputation.

BEFORE YOUR SERVICE VISIT

Deep Cleaning

- Clean all food prep surfaces
- Remove grease buildup from equipment
- Sweep and mop floors
- Clean drains and floor mats

Storage Areas

- Organize inventory off the floor
- Rotate stock (FIFO method)
- Remove expired or damaged goods

Eliminate Attractants

- Remove food debris
 - Keep trash sealed and removed regularly
 - Clean behind and under equipment
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COCKROACH CONTROL IN COMMERCIAL SETTINGS

German cockroaches thrive in:

- Warm, moist environments
- Kitchens and prep areas
- Behind appliances

Required Prep:

- Pull equipment away from walls if possible

- Provide access to hot spots (ovens, fryers, coolers)
- Reduce moisture (fix leaks immediately)

At **Cardinal Pest Management**, we use targeted treatments designed for sensitive environments while maintaining safety and compliance.

RODENT CONTROL FOR BUSINESSES

Rodents pose serious risks including:

- Health code violations
- Property damage
- Product contamination

Preparation Steps:

- Ensure access to utility rooms
- Clear clutter from storage areas
- Identify signs of activity (droppings, gnawing, odors)

Your technician will focus on:

- Roofline entry points
 - Utility penetrations
 - Crawl spaces and structural gaps
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ENTRY POINT AWARENESS (CRITICAL)

Rodents and pests commonly enter through:

- Roofline gaps and vents
- Crawl space openings
- Utility line penetrations
- Door seals and thresholds

At **Cardinal Pest Management**, we specialize in **exclusion services** to seal these areas and prevent reinfestation.

DAY OF SERVICE – WHAT TO EXPECT

When your **Cardinal Pest Management** technician arrives:

- They will perform a detailed inspection
 - Identify pest activity and entry points
 - Apply targeted treatments safely and effectively
 - Provide recommendations for long-term prevention
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AFTER SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

To maintain results:

- Keep areas clean and clutter-free
 - Follow technician instructions carefully
 - Schedule ongoing service if recommended
 - Address structural or sanitation issues promptly
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FINAL THOUGHTS

Preparation is not just helpful — it's essential.


By following this guide, you are giving your **Cardinal Pest Management** technician the ability to deliver the highest level of service possible.

Our goal is simple:

Eliminate the problem. Prevent it from returning. Protect your home or business.

NEED HELP?

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