

Roach Treatment Preparation

Routine maintenance treatments are the best approach to avoiding roach issues. However, when an infestation is severe, a more aggressive approach is needed. Please help us, help you.

Before Treatment:

- 1) Clean residence thoroughly by sweeping, vacuuming, and mopping. Wipe down all tables, counter tops, kitchen cabinets, *under and behind* appliances. Clean out toasters and microwaves. Even very small crumbs can be a food source for roaches.
- 2) Remove all items from kitchen cabinets and drawers. This includes upper and lower cabinets. If the infestation is at or near the pantry, pantry items should be removed as well.
- 3) Remove clutter from off the floors and away from walls. Pick up any clothes, toys, and other loose items. We need to be able to reach corners and electrical wall sockets.

During Treatment:

- 1) In many cases, we will apply a liquid and a gel bait.
- 2) Unlike aerosols or "bombs", there is residual within our products that will be effective even after we leave.
- 3) Do not re-enter the area until the liquid treatment is dry or until notified by your technician. This could take 30-60 minutes, depending on the product label.

After Treatment:

- 1) Avoid leaving food and water in pet bowls overnight as these can serve as roach feeding stations. Hand wash dishes and thoroughly clean up table crumbs. Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink or in the dishwasher overnight.
- 2) Eliminating food sources like half eaten candy wrappers and syrup from soda cans helps roaches seek out our bait. Removing attractants like cigarette trays and other paraphernalia also allows our application to work faster.
- 3) Sweep and vacuum frequently. Immediately discard dust bags with dead roaches as new roaches can still hatch out. Do not mop for at least 5-7 days following treatment.

It is normal to see roach activity after treatment. After two weeks, if you still see activity, call us. We will treat again and will charge again. It typically takes two or more treatments to "break the life cycle" because others are being born so rapidly. The more intense the infestation, the more visits it will take. Pest control is NOT like a light switch that is either on or off. See Texas A&M Agri-life Extension website for more details.