



COCKROACH CONTROL



Oriental Cockroach:

- Also known as “waterbugs”; peak in summer; common around decomposing organic matter and moist areas.
- Adults: 1½ inch long; black, shiny.

German Cockroach:

- Most common species in homes.
- Adults: ½ inches long; 2 dark stripes on pronotum. Can move through very small spaces.
- Egg case: 1/3 inch long, tan.

Brown-Banded Cockroach:

- Prefer warmer areas of homes.
- Adults: ½ inch long; two light bands across wing base and abdomen.
- Egg case: purse shaped, light brown, cemented to sides and undersides of infested objects.

American Cockroach:

- Most common species found in commercial buildings.
- Adults: 1 ½ inches long; reddish-brown with pale band on edge of pronotum.
- Egg case: brown when laid, turns black in 1 to 2 days.

Cockroach Transmitted Diseases

- ASTHMA: certain proteins in cockroach feces, saliva, and body parts trigger allergic reactions and asthma symptoms.
- SALMONELLA: Can cause gastroenteritis and typhoid fever.
- E COLI: causes serious food poisoning.

Guidelines for Control

- Clean up any accessible food sources – including crumbs behind the stove, microwave, refrigerator & inside cabinets.
- Immediately clean up & put away dirty dishes.
- Take out trash bags and recycling regularly.
- Dry any standing water around sinks, tubs and toilets.
- Caulk around plumbing in adjoining apartments.
- Use bait stations, gel formulations and/or sticky traps for additional control.
- Consider hiring a pest control professional for additional safety and effectiveness .

Remember: When using pesticides, always read and follow all directions on the pesticide product label!

