

Cockroach Treatment and Preparation Guide

The following steps should be taken when your home is being sprayed for cockroaches. Failure to appropriately prepare for the arrival of the technician will void any provided warranty, and the technician may refuse to perform treatment if they deem treatment to be pointless due to inadequate preparation.

Days Prior to treatment:

Remove all food items, dishes, utensils, cookware, etc. from all cupboards and drawers in the kitchen. Do not place these items on your counters as the back-splash area may require treatment as well. You can place these items either on or below your kitchen table and cover them. The kitchen must be cleaned thoroughly, especially the sides of the stove, back-splash and anywhere grease or food may be. Cockroaches live on this debris and the treatment will not be as effective if this is not cleaned. Remove all items from bathroom vanities above and below sink, place in the bathtub for temporary storage if required. Remove items from shelves and floor areas of bedrooms, closets and any other storage spaces within the home. Clothes hanging in closets can remain where they are. Pull all furniture and appliances away from the walls about one foot in order to give access to the baseboards of the home.

All windows are to be closed prior to treatment. All adults, children and pets must be away from the home for a minimum of 4-6 hours after the treatment. Any aquariums are to be unplugged and covered with a towel or blanket. Any people with asthma, children under two years of age, pregnant women, seniors, or people with health concerns should remain out of the home a minimum of 8 hours. Smoke detectors need to be disabled during the treatment as the fumigant will set them off.

After Treatment:

If you chose you can air out your home by opening all windows and doors for 5 to 15 minutes. Use a fan to help circulate the air if possible. There should be minimal odour and the odour will not harm you in any way. It will lessen within 24 to 48 hours.

Do not wash baseboards or interior cupboard surfaces for at least 4 weeks. You should place either wax paper or paper towel on the bottom of all your cupboards and drawers before returning your food items and dishes. You can remove this paper after 4 weeks. This acts as a barrier between the surface that was treated and your belongings. Enable your smoke detectors.

What to Expect:

Activity will be seen. This is normal and must occur. Not all insects are eliminated 100% at the time of treatment. Individual insect biology is different and are affected at different rates by the treatment. Expect to find dead cockroaches depending on the severity of the infestation.

A second follow up gel will be required in 3 weeks. Preparation for the second treatment will not be required. If the cockroach infestation is very bad more chemical treatments may be required before the final gel.

Not following our preparation guidelines may result in additional treatments at your cost. Pest control is a co-operative effort between the exterminator and the customer. Help us provide the best service by following our instructions. If you have any questions please call the office at 705-772-4539. We are here to help.