

Cockroaches



What are Cockroaches?

They are insects that spread pathogens that cause disease in humans.

How to Prevent and Control Cockroaches

1. Don't invite roaches into your home
 - Caulk, weather-strip, and repair holes around water pipes, baseboards, doors and windows. This is important in apartments, where roaches can move from unit to unit along pipes
 - Put screens over windows, vents, floor drains and ducts. They can be roach highways and hideaways
 - Remove old boxes and papers. The fewer places roaches can hide the better
 - Keep areas outside your home free of trash, wood piles and leaves
 - Use sticky (glue) traps to find areas where roaches may be hiding
2. Don't feed roaches
 - Store food in sealed containers. Never leave food, crumbs or trash uncovered anywhere in your home. Do not leave uneaten pet food out overnight. If you must leave dirty dishes out overnight, put them in the sink and cover them with soapy water
 - Use a trash can with a tight lid. Avoid placing your trash can under the sink. Empty the trash can often. Put garbage in closed plastic bags
 - Rinse beverage and food containers before you recycle or throw them away
3. Don't give roaches water
 - Fix leaky faucets and drains
4. Safely and correctly use pesticides
 - Follow instructions on the pesticide label. If you have not used a stored pesticide recently, reread the label before use

Additional Facts

- Cockroaches can live up to 1 month without a meal
- Cockroaches can only survive one week without water
- Cockroaches can eat just about anything including glue, grease, soap, leather and hair

Extension Services Fact Sheets:

- Household Pest Control
<http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-2286/EPP-7312web2014.pdf>

For further information, contact a licensed pesticide applicator, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food & Forestry (405) 521-3864, or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (405) 744-5000