

# PREPARING FOR A COCKROACH TREATMENT

(Residential)



## Preparation Before Initial Treatment

1. Remove stored items from cupboards, cabinets, shelves, under sinks, etc. This includes dishes, food products, medicines and anything that prevents technician from having free access to cracks and shelf areas. The kitchen is most important but also empty shelves and drawers in any room where roaches have been seen. You may place items in the center of tables but they should be covered. Open foods should be put in the refrigerator.
2. You and your pets (dogs, cats, birds, fish, etc.) should be gone during treatment. You should be able to enter after one hour. If you have special health concerns, if you are pregnant or there are small infants you should stay out a longer period and consult with your personal physician for direction.
3. Follow up treatments are usually performed using gel baits, not dusts or sprays. You do not need to vacate during these treatments, however, you may be required to empty shelves to make cracks and crevices available to the technician.

“Fogging” with aerosols or “bug bombs” will often make infestation worse as it tends to spread the roaches not directly exposed further into cracks and crevices.

**Good sanitation is important in eliminating roaches. This includes cleaning up spilled food, taking out garbage frequently and keeping food products in sealed containers. It also means plugging holes and sealing cracks.**

**Note:** Bait materials may take several days to be effective. If you have questions or concerns please give us a call. Our goal is the total elimination of roaches.

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