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87pest Cock Roach Treatment Prep

Roach Harborage Areas: Cock roaches that invade your kitchen, including German Roaches, Smokey Brown Roaches, Brown Banded Roaches, and American Roaches (typically called "water bugs," are really attracted to cracks, crevices, and thin, tight spaces. These small areas seem to give the roaches a sense of security. Roaches will usually nest near water and food sources, hence their attraction to the kitchen and bath areas. But roaches can also be found in closets, storage areas, and even book shelves. These hiding spots can offer spaces without much intrusion.

Facts about Roaches: A roach can live for quite a while on very little food and water. A small spot of grease, a light dusting of flour, or a few droplets of water can sustain roaches for quite a while. An abundant food source offers cock roaches the opportunity to multiply at a significant pace. Humid or warm environments may also benefit the spread of roaches. Roaches may lay eggs at a rate of 1 egg every 6 weeks. Each egg may have 15, 30, or even 50 babies inside, depending on the type of roach and the environment. Some roaches, like the German Cock Roach, may start laying it's own eggs just a short time after hatching. One roach female may birth thousands of baby roaches in a very short period. The most alarming weapon roaches have are the ability to reproduce extremely quickly.

Successful elimination of cockroaches depends fully on cooperation between the customer and exterminator. Roaches are extremely resilient and results are based on preparation, sanitation, and a cooperative relationship of the customer and pest company.

Recommended Procedures for Pest Customers

- **To prepare for your service, start by eliminating as much clutter as possible. Clean out cabinets, closets, storage areas, and book shelves to prepare them for treatment. Pesticides should not be applied to food cans, food boxes, dinner ware, utensils, knick-knacks, candles, or other frequently used items.**
- **Discard all cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, old magazines, newspapers, plastic & paper bags. Cardboard and paper are excellent nesting areas for roaches.**
- **Wipe down ALL food cans and boxes, place inside plastic bins, and cover them during pest service treatments.**
- **Furniture & other objects should be separated from wall(s) by at least six inches to allow applications behind them. Make sure all shoes, clothing, and toys are removed from baseboard areas and stowed in a safe place.**
- **Cleaning and vacuuming is highly recommended both before and after treatment. You will get much better results from your pest treatment when everything is well cleaned and prepped. It is ok to clean up afterwards, too. Just do not use excessive amounts of water and cleanser so as to dilute the pest control products.**
- **Once you are all done, throw your vacuum bag into a trash bag, tie the trash bag off, and dispose of it outside, away from your house. You wouldn't want any bugs, eggs, or babies to find their way back into your home.**
- **Open your windows after technician is done. There may possibly be some strong odors, and adequate ventilation is required for your safety.**
- **It is an excellent idea to vacate premises for several hours after just service is complete. Give the products a few hours to work and give the environment a few hours to air out, just to be sure.**

****Non-Compliance with these procedures may render the application ineffective****