

Cockroach Extermination

If you have seen cockroaches in your home or apartment, it is likely that there are more present out of sight. To help manage and prevent infestations, consider the following strategies:

DIY Insecticide

You can create a simple homemade bait by mixing equal parts baking soda and powdered sugar.

Place the mixture in a shallow dish in areas where cockroaches have been seen or are known to travel. The sugar attracts the cockroaches, while the baking soda is toxic to them.

Use of Bay Leaves

Cockroaches dislike the smell and taste of bay leaves.

Placing bay leaves in areas where cockroaches are active can help deter them naturally. This method is a safe option, particularly in areas used by children.

Eliminate Water Sources

Cockroaches can survive for long periods without food but require regular access to water.

To reduce their attraction to your home:

- Do not leave water in sinks or dishes overnight
- Dry sinks and surfaces after use
- Check for and report any leaking taps or plumbing
- Be mindful of moisture under refrigerators or in damp areas

Maintain Cleanliness

Cockroaches are attracted to food residue and unclean areas.

To help prevent infestations:

- Clean surfaces regularly using detergent or disinfectant
- Remove food scraps and waste promptly
- Keep kitchen and food preparation areas clean and hygienic
- For hard surfaces such as concrete, a diluted bleach solution may be used where appropriate

When to Contact Pest Control

While preventative measures can be effective, there are times when professional pest control may be required.

You should contact your Property Manager if:

- You continue to see cockroaches regularly despite cleaning and treatment
- Cockroaches are present in multiple areas of the property
- There are signs of a larger infestation, such as droppings or egg casings
- You notice cockroaches during the daytime, which can indicate a more severe issue

Your Property Manager will assess the situation and arrange professional pest control if required.

