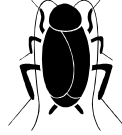


COCKROACH PILOT EDUCATION HANDOUT



In order to get rid of cockroaches, we need to understand some things about their behavior.

- Cockroaches love food and water.

They eat the same foods that we do. Crumbs on counter tops and floors, or dirty dishes sitting in the sink, will attract cockroaches. Crumbs under the microwave or behind the refrigerator where we can't see them can also attract roaches. Moving things around when we clean is a good way to find and remove all possible sources of roach food. Roaches also eat pet food, garbage, nail clippings, and hair, so it is important to control these things in the home, too.

Cockroaches need water on a daily basis. Any pools of water such as pet water bowls, or water left in sinks, on the bathroom floor, or condensation on windows can provide a water source for roaches. Water in plant containers and from leaking pipes will also attract roaches.

- Cockroaches love hiding in warm, dark places.

They are afraid of light and usually only come out after dark. They can be found close to their water and food supplies. High humidity promotes growth. Roaches like to hang out together behind trash containers, refrigerators, microwaves, and other appliances. They can enter the home through small cracks or holes in the walls. Sometimes roaches or their eggs are accidentally brought into the home when bringing in newspapers, boxes, or groceries.

Goals for getting rid of cockroaches

Limit eating to kitchen/
dining room area.



Put all opened non-refrigerated food items
in sealable bags or plastic containers.

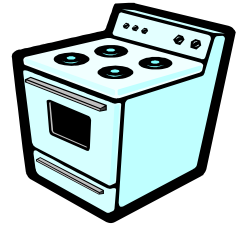


Vacuum every week with a
vacuum cleaner, if accessible.



Clean oven, broiler, and drip pans
in stove.

Clean spills on top of
stove daily.



If you notice cockroach droppings in the bathroom,
clean cabinets under bathroom sink.



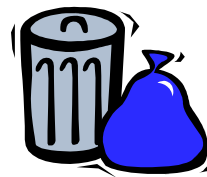
Remove old newspapers
and clutter daily.



Repair leaks,
dripping faucets.



Take garbage out
or seal daily.



Wash or change bedding
and towels weekly.



Clean food crumbs and spills
from drawers and shelves
in kitchen.



Clean food crumbs and spills from
counters and floors every day.