

# Keep it Pest-Free:

## Ways to help keep your home free of pests

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**Do you have pest concerns in your home?**

**Have you tried everything to address these concerns?**

**The following tips provide a safe and healthy way to stop pests.**



### Dos and don'ts for keeping your home pest-free.

#### Do this

- Pick up food and water after each use.
- Use tamper proof food and storage containers to keep pests out.
- Seal holes inside and outside of the home with caulking, spray foam and steel wool.
- Use stick traps, baits, and gels for cockroaches.
- Use snap or live traps for mice and rats.
- Use warm soapy water, wear gloves, and a mask if available to clean up pest frass (poop) and debris.
- Keep bushes, trees, and flowers cut back 2 to 3 feet from outside the home's foundation.

#### Don't do this

- Don't spray pesticides or bug bombs inside the home.
- Don't keep clutter on the floor that allows pests to nest in these areas.
- Don't bring inside cardboard boxes since pests can travel into your home via this route.
- Don't use harsh chemicals to clean up after pests.
- Don't ignore moisture leaks since this can attract pests.
- Don't store building materials or firewood next to the home.
- Don't store pet or human food out in the open and without a lid.

# Home pest repair recommendations



Use outside traps for mice or rats



Place sticky traps near walls for cockroaches, ants, spiders



Use snap traps next to walls for mice or rats



Keep pests outside by using spray foam, steel wool, and/or caulking when closing up holes, gaps, and cracks around the inside and outside of the home



Keep rooms free of clutter, dust, and debris



Routinely clean kitchen surfaces and dispose of food waste



Use trash cans with lids to keep from attracting pests

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