

German Cockroach Treatment Preparation Guide

Lakewood Exterminating

Prior To Treatment

- All children and pets must remain out of the treatment area while service is being performed. ***No one shall reoccupy treated areas until the product has dried.*** This takes approximately 3-4 hours.
- Perform a general cleaning of infested rooms.
- Remove and ***dispose of infested items*** stored in: Cabinets (upper and lower), pantries, drawers and storage bins in kitchen and bathroom areas. Place these items in plastic bags. ***Seal each bag, and place it outside.***
- Vacuum all areas as you remove the items. This will eliminate roach feces and old carcasses. You can even vacuum up live roaches. Immediately empty the vacuum bag into a sealed container- outside.
- Take everything off the stove. ***Clean stove of any grease/ food debris.***
- Pick up and ***remove pet food dishes*** and any food not in sealed containers.
- ***Take all garbage outdoors*** and place it away from the structure.
- ***Clear all counter space***, except microwave ovens, blenders, other electric utensils. Knife blocks should be left on the counter as roaches love to hide in them.
- ***Clean behind and under the refrigerator, stove,*** or any similar item.
- ***Repair any plumbing leaks prior to arrival.***

After Treatment

- ***Make sure all liquid pesticide applications are dry before reoccupying the area.***
- ***Clean up all dead roaches preferably by using paper towels. Remove all egg cases. 30 – 45 eggs are in each egg case.***
- ***Wipe down food preparation surfaces before use.***

Keys to keeping your home German Roach Free; Post Treatment.

German Roaches require 3 things, Food, Water, and Harborage. Take these away and get rid of roaches.

- **FOOD:** *Be sure that countertops, stovetops, and floors are free from food scraps. These scraps provide food for these pests. Want to get rid of the roaches? Get rid of the food!*
- **WATER:** *Do not leave any water for these guys! At night, wipe up any excess water. Keep the sink area, counters, stovetop, and floors free from water. Keep the sink area and counters completely dry. Remember even the smallest drops provide enough water for German Roaches to survive.*
- **HARBORAGE:** *Roaches love cracks & crevices to hide and lay eggs. Seal all cracks around the kitchen counter. German Roaches will try to stay close to the sink (Water Supply). Seal all cracks with standard caulking.*
- *Clean all spilled foods from floors and countertops. We place baits in certain areas for the roaches to eat. If you leave even small crumbs they will not eat the bait.*
- *Keep food in tightly sealed containers or ziplock bags.*
- *Keep counter space clean of food and water at all times. Make sure the floor is free from food remains.*
- *Take garbage out every day and keep outside garbage cans away from the house.*
- *Do not leave pet food or water in a feeding dish overnight. Transfer pet food to a tightly sealed container once it is opened.*
- *Run the dishwasher regularly.*
- *Roaches look for hiding places to lay their eggs. Be sure to clear clutter from countertops, cabinets, pantries.*
- *Clutter provides hiding places for roaches. Remove clutter and greatly reduce your roach population.*
- *Get rid of all boxes that store food. You are better off with the cereal bag than the box. Roaches love boxes, even ones that appear sealed. They love to get under the flaps. Ideal for laying eggs.*
- *Inspect all grocery bags for roaches before storing the product. Yes, believe it or not. Many times German Roaches come into your home via sources like grocery stores, restaurants and work.*
- *Discard any cardboard boxes immediately.*