

## Cockroaches

There are various species of cockroaches that may be found in this area. Generally people find the cockroach to be the most repulsive insect they could find in their home or business.



Cockroach infestations cause a multitude of health hazards, particularly Salmonella and E-coli. The feces, saliva, and cast skins which the insects leave behind can irritate asthma and allergies in some people. They also secrete a substance that can cause odors and leave stains on surfaces.

**Feeding:** Cockroaches are scavengers and will survive on almost anything. They will eat leather, soap, backing glue and they may even dine on electronics and wiring on televisions and microwaves.

**Evidence:** Cockroaches are active during the day and stay in hiding during the day. They prefer tight spaces to hide and when traveling will do so along edges of walls and corners. When people see cockroaches it is indicative of a much larger population. Though different species of cockroaches prefer different habitats, they do spend most of their time in narrow, tight cracks and spaces where surfaces touch them on both sides. Cockroaches tend to congregate in corners and generally travel along the edges of walls or other surfaces

**Control:** It is often necessary to use chemical and non-chemical methods in combination to eliminate a cockroach infestation. Cockroach infestations can be very challenging and you will need to work closely with us during the treatment period. At inspection we will determine the appropriate actions and provide you with the information you will need to do your part.

**Prevention:** The introduction of cockroaches into your home or business may come from boxes, bags, luggage, and any number of other items. When bringing anything into your building you should examine it for evidence of cockroaches or egg capsules especially if the source of the item is questionable. Though it is difficult to make your building completely safe from cockroach infestation, sanitation is critical. See the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) section of our web site for more information on what pests need to survive.