

How to rid your home of insects



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Introduction

An increase in the number of insects in and around the home can be attributed to many factors such as more rubbish building up by reduced waste collections, warmer winters not killing off larvae and centrally heated houses that provide an attractive place for insects to live in.

Good housekeeping together with accurate identification can minimise any potential infestation. This booklet will help you identify some of the common insect pests and provide some solutions should a problem arise.

Did you know?

- Flies can carry hundreds of types of disease and bacteria, including *E. coli* and *Salmonella* (food poisoning).
- The fear of insects is called entomophobia.
- The total weight of ants on earth is roughly equal to the total weight of all humans.
- Female clothes moths can lay up to 150 eggs on fabrics and clothing.
- Wasp nests can reach over 1 metre (over 3 feet) in diameter, although wasps never re-use an old nest.
- Cockroaches can run at a speed of 5 kph - equivalent to humans running at 330kph.
- There are about 1 million types of insects that have been described worldwide and could be up to 30 million!



What to look for

Use this guide to identify your creepy crawlies

Flies



Usually dark in colour and 6-10mm long with one pair of wings. Flies

lay eggs that hatch in 24 hours and larvae can pupate within 6 days.

They can walk upside down on ceilings and on glass surfaces and may carry a wide range of diseases including food poisoning bacteria.

Wasps

In characteristic yellow and black colours, wasps have two pairs of wings and are usually approx. 25mm long. Their sting can be dangerous. Large nests can contain over 25,000 wasps and can be found in lofts, wall cavities, trees, bushes and underground. They make fine conical nests from wood pulp.



Bedbugs



Oval shaped, flattened body, no wings.

Red to brown in colour. 4-5mm long. Feed on human blood.

Found in cracks, crevices and under carpets. Difficult to control.

Cockroaches

There are several species, although most are between 10-20mm long with fast moving, flat bodies, and long antennae. Cockroaches live in warm houses, kitchens and wall cavities where they come out after dark, feeding on any types of food and can carry disease.



Ants

Dark brown-black in colour, and 4-6mm long. Queen ants lay eggs in late spring and the larvae hatch approx. 3-4 weeks later. Nests are often located on lawns, in warm, dry soil and under paving - look for finely powdered soil. Can enter houses in search of food.



Clothes Moths



Adult moths are about 8mm long, with brown/bronze

coloured wings folded tent-like along their back. They lay sticky eggs on natural clothing; their white caterpillar larvae do the damage, eating clothes, carpets and upholstery. Can be very destructive.

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are very small insects, 5-10mm in length, with long thin legs and wings.

Their eggs are laid in stagnant water and larvae turn into adults in 4-10 days. Can be a nuisance in the home and garden.



Other Visitors

Woodlice - not insects, 10-15mm long, oval bodies.

Eat leaves and rotting wood, may enter houses. Harmless.



Beetles - various sizes up to 25mm, with long legs. Often casual intruders from the garden. Harmless.



Spiders - not insects, sizes vary up to 30mm including legs. Beneficial as they eat flies and mosquitoes in the home. Harmless but often feared.

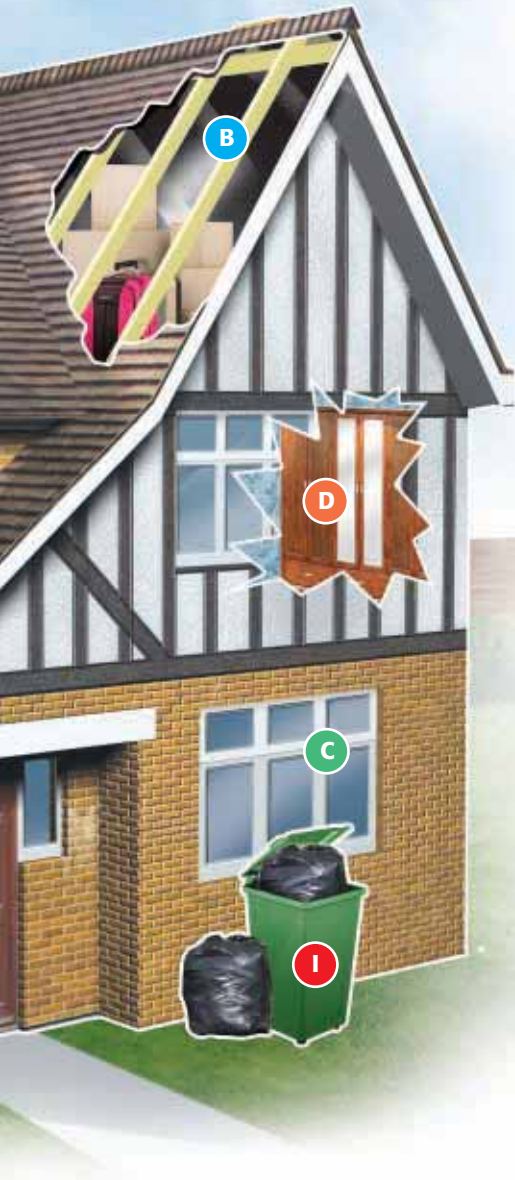


Fleas - small, flattened wingless insects, approx. 2mm long, feed on blood, can cause skin irritation. Cat flea is the most common in the home.



Where are they?





A Kitchens

Commonly flies, ants, cockroaches and wasps invade kitchens through windows and doors. Occasionally fruit flies, woodlice, weevils and silverfish can all appear.

B Roofs & Loft Spaces

Commonly wasps and their nests, cluster flies and clothes moths in stored clothing or old birds nests. Occasionally woodworm.

C Living Rooms & Bedrooms

Commonly flies, wasps, spiders and carpet beetles can occur in the main rooms. Occasionally fleas, woodlice and bedbugs.

D Furniture

Commonly clothes moths on stored and current clothing. Occasionally woodworm and bed bugs.

E Greenhouses

Commonly flies, ants, aphids and wasps occur which can be a problem for some people. Wasps do actually kill many garden pests.

F Lawns

Commonly ants that can make lawns look unattractive.

G Garden Edges

Commonly ants, wasps in nests in trees and bushes, mosquitoes in water butts and old plant pots. Occasionally hornets.

H Air Vents & Grates

Commonly ants and wasps that nest in wall cavities and gratings. Occasionally flies and cockroaches looking for warm areas.

I Bin Areas

Commonly flies looking to lay eggs on rotten waste, cockroaches, fruit flies, wasps and ants looking for sweet foods.

Which products should be used?

There are a wide range of products to choose from, including sprays, powders, triggers, sticky traps, live traps, plug-ins and slow release products depending on your pest.

These come in a variety of insecticidal and environmentally friendly forms to cater for all circumstances.

Find your pest and select the method that suits you best.

PESTICIDE-FREE PRODUCTS

Pesticide-free and friendly to the environment.

Designed for safe use around the home and garden, ideal where children and pets are present.

PRODUCT	FEATURES AND BENEFITS
	ADVANCED FLY TRAP WINDOW STICKER Long lasting control of flies and flying insects in the home. Simply apply to inside of the window to provide attractive and subtle control. Four long lasting sunflower designs per pack.
	FLY KILLER STRIPS Three sticky, wind-out strips for the control of flies and flying insects. Long lasting designs ideal for homes and greenhouses.
	BUG CATCHER For the live capture of bugs such as spiders, bees, wasps, moths, crane flies (daddy long-legs), ladybirds and other insects. Great as an educational aid for both adults and children - capture, observe and release.

INSECTICIDAL PRODUCTS

Designed to control pests quickly and efficiently.
Available in a wide variety of formats for use around the home and garden.

PRODUCT	FEATURES AND BENEFITS
<p>Flies</p> 	<p>Sprays: direct control of flies in the home. Surface control: long lasting residual affect on surfaces such as windows and floors. Space control: long lasting control of flies in rooms and small spaces.</p>
<p>Ants</p> 	<p>Sprays: direct control of ants in the home and garden. Surface control: long lasting residual affect on surfaces such as floors and around doors. Triggers: direct control with a non-aerosol spray. Powders: control of ants and their nests in the home and garden. Gels: in an easy to use bait station to control ants and their nests.</p>
<p>Wasps</p> 	<p>Sprays: direct control of wasps in the home and garden. Nest foam: control of nests, when visible, from up to 2 metres away. Powders: control of nests when not visible. Wasps take the powder back to the nest to kill the colony.</p>
<p>Moths</p> 	<p>Sprays: direct control of moths in the home. Strips: long lasting control of adults, larvae and eggs of the moths, ideal for stored clothing and lofts. Hanging units: long lasting control of moths, ideal for wardrobes, small spaces and clothing in current use. Kills adults, larvae and eggs.</p>
<p>Other Insects</p> 	<p>Sprays: a variety of aerosol sprays to control cockroaches, woodlice, beetles, bedbugs and other insect pests in the home and garden. Triggers: for the control of a variety of pests, such as cockroaches, woodlice, beetles, bedbugs in and around the home. Powders: for the control of a variety of pests, such as cockroaches, woodlice, beetles, bedbugs in and around the home and garden.</p>
<p>Active ingredients: Plug In Fly Control contains Prallethrin; Multi Surface Insect Killer and Ant & Crawling Insect Spray contain Cypermethrin; Fly Control Adjustable and Insectrol Powder contains Permethrin; Ant Killer Gel contains d-Phenothrin; Ant & Insect Killer Powder and Wasp Nest Killer Powder contain Bendiocarb; Ant Killer Spray contains Deltamethrin & Pyrethrins; Wasp Nest Destroyer Foam contains D-Phenothrin & Tetramethrin; Fly & Wasp Killer, No More Flies and Insectrol Moth Killer contains Tetramethrin & Permethrin; Moth Killer Strips & Moth Killer Hanging Unit contain Transfluthrin.</p>	

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