

REMEMBER

COCKROACHES can carry diseases

STORE all insecticides or poison containers out of children's reach.

CLEAN UP food, grease and cooking oil residue in kitchen area,

YOU can eliminate cockroaches from your home if you follow the directions in this pamphlet.

ADDITIONAL recommendations from Vector Control District.

**For More Information,
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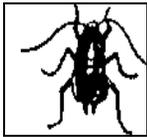
**ARE YOU
RAISING
COCKROACHES?**



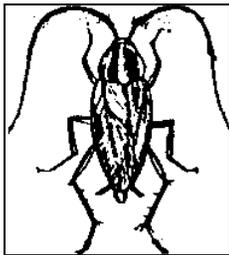
WHAT DO COCKROACHES LOOK LIKE?



EGG CASE



YOUNG COCKROACH



ADULT GERMAN
COCKROACH

WHERE ARE COCKROACHES FOUND?

- **IN HOMES-** Cockroaches are found wherever food and/or water is found such as kitchen and bathroom.
- **THEY HIDE IN DARK PLACES -** In cracks. In the kitchen. In Cupboards. On shelves. In drawers. Behind and under stoves and refrigerators.
- **TO FIND WHERE COCKROACHES HIDE-** enter a dark room quietly, turn on the lights and watch where the cockroaches run.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ELIMINATE COCKROACHES FROM YOUR HOME?

- **CLEAN** your entire kitchen at one time. All cupboards, shelves, and drawers should be emptied, cleaned, and treated.



- **PLACE** pre-filled bait stations or gel baits near cockroach hiding places where they are likely to encounter them.
- **BAIT** stations may take 7 days or longer before results are apparent but may remain effective for months
- **COMBINE** both pesticide baits and sanitation to achieve the best results. Bait stations may not be as effective when grease and food residue are present.
- **YOU** may have to call a pest control service, but continued cleanliness must be maintained to eliminate cockroaches in your home.



YOU SHOULD TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS...

- Aerosolized insecticide sprays may flush out cockroaches, but provide little long-term control.
- Read all safety instructions on pesticide label. Follow these instructions to ensure your safety.
- **STORE** insecticides out of reach of children.

HOW CAN YOU KEEP COCKROACHES FROM INVADING YOUR HOME?

- **THE KITCHEN SINK** and **FOOD PREPARATION AREAS** should be kept clean and in good repair. Cracks and openings around pipes should be sealed. Repair leaky plumbing and paint kitchen when necessary to seal cracks.
- **STORE** food products in containers with tight fitting lids.
- **WRAP** unused, old, spoiled, or stale food in newspaper and then throw away.
- **DO NOT** leave exposed food, dirty dishes, or garbage in the kitchen overnight.
- **CLEAN** sinks, counters, food preparation areas and floors daily.
- **ROUTINELY** clean entire kitchen thoroughly, particularly the floor under the appliances.