HELP!

Roaches are in my house!

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THE PROBLEM WITH ROACHES

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PUT FOOD AWAY
AVOID SICKNESS
Roaches can spoil food. Cover food tightly, so roaches cannot get to it.
Roaches can also make you sick. Roaches droppings pollute the air inside your home and trigger asthma attacks in children.

The following 4 steps will help you control roaches and protect your health.

1. Shut dark areas in rooms and in basements.
2. Check window and door seals.
3. Check in kitchen and bathroom, in baseboards, under sinks, and in bathrooms.
4. Check in outbuildings and garages.
Either throw garbage out each night or seal garbage tightly in a sack or can. Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight. Do not leave pet food out overnight. Clean up food spills and crumbs. Roaches like water so repair leaks promptly.

Never use outdoor (garden-lawn) pesticides for roach control. Do not bring pesticides home from work for roach control.

Using bait and traps is the best way to control roaches. Bait comes in pre-made traps and in tubes. The University of Georgia recommends roach bait made with insect growth regulators such as hydramethylnon. “Maxforce” and “Combat” are two products with these ingredients.

Place bait and traps out of the reach of children. Store all pesticides out of the reach of children. Never expose pesticides to extreme heat or cold or leave pesticides lying around where children can get at them.

You can build a roach trap with a bottle, some petroleum jelly, and a small piece of potato or other food to attract roaches. Smear petroleum jelly on the inside of the bottle rim and place some food inside. Banana skins, grapes, jam, and a small piece of potato or other food to attract roaches. The University of Georgia recommends roach traps made with insect growth regulators such as hydramethylnon. “Maxforce” and “Combat” are two products with these ingredients. Place the, and only the, bait or trap in the reach of children. Store pesticides tightly sealed in their original containers in a dry, locked cabinet away from children.

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