



## General Pest Control Residential Pre-Appointment Checklist

### 1 Provide adequate access



Pests love to hide in tight corners, underneath furniture, and behind boxes and other stored items. Your pest control specialist will need to have as much access to these areas as possible. You can help by moving items out, so they can reach the darkest corners to apply the pest control treatments accurately and effectively.

### 2 Prepare your kitchen



Before your first pest control treatment, give your kitchen a thorough cleaning. Routine cleaning of your kitchen is a good practice for making your home less attractive to pests in the future. Before your pest professional visits, all food items should be stored in the refrigerator or cabinets. Any items such as small appliances or cooking ware that normally sit on the countertop should also be stored and/or covered.

It is very helpful, but not required, to pull out the stove, refrigerator and dishwasher and clean those areas. However, if you have a heavy infestation of certain insects, it may be necessary to pull out those appliances. Remove any debris, food or trash from under and around the appliances. Leave those appliances pulled away from the walls with ample room for your pest control professional to inspect the area and check for signs of pests.

### 3 Move furniture away from walls



Similar to moving your large appliances away from the walls in the kitchen so your pest protection expert can inspect, you may want to move large furniture items away from the walls in other rooms of your home. This is not necessary, but always appreciated, particularly if there is a larger infestation involved. If you have couches, bookcases, beds, and dressers that may be flush with the walls of your home, it can be helpful, but not necessary, to pull them away to give your pest control professional a wide berth to look for pest activity.

### 4 Open doorways, closets and doors.



As previously mentioned, pests are quite adept at finding nooks and crannies where they can hide. Opening any doors between rooms, closets, and drawers will allow your pest control expert easy access to look for signs of activity and make it easier to treat for pests and find your small, unwanted guests where they may be hiding.

### 5 Confine pets to help technicians work effectively



If you have pets that are a bit skittish around strangers, consider keeping them safely outside or temporarily leaving them with a friend, relative, local kennel, or pet-sitter while your pest control specialist is visiting. This can offer you peace of mind while your technician is working in your home. Your technician can freely open doors and windows, as well as get into tighter spaces to diagnose and treat your pest problem without worrying that your pet will run outside or get in the way.

### 6 Try to be home to meet with your pest control professional



When scheduling your appointment with a pest control professional, try to be home to let them in and to grant them access to the various rooms where pests may be hiding. Being there to walk your pest control specialist through your home can make it easier for them to diagnose and treat your problem, and the technician can easily point out trouble areas and provide recommendations.