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# FACT SHEET

## Cockroaches

### Cockroaches in Our Environment

There are six main pest species of cockroach that you might encounter. Each of these species has different habits and preferences. Cockroaches like to stay hidden in dark places, under kitchen cupboards, fridges, under houses, and in ceilings.

Cockroaches can contaminate food items, spread diseases (such as Salmonella and Dysentery), and trigger allergic reactions (including asthma).

### Cockroach Control

Early detection, food source elimination and identifying the species are important steps in controlling and eliminating these pests from around your home.

We have a specialised range of products that cause minimal disruption during application, are very low in toxicity to humans and pets, and offer long term control.

Our treatments are designed to last for several months, however, additional treatments after the initial treatment may be recommended in heavily infested situations or difficult environmental conditions.

### Precautions Before and After Treatment

Prior to our treatment, we recommend that all open food stuffs are put away. It is not necessary to remove crockery and utensils from cupboards because our methods target cracks and crevices and places where the pests live and breed.

### What to Expect After Your Treatment

You might see a lot of activity immediately after treatment, but the number of cockroaches should reduce dramatically over a few days. You will likely see an occasional cockroach over time, but rest assured that our treatment is still effective.

### How to Get the Best From Your Treatment

It's important that household cleaning products should not be used where we have treated. Limit cleaning any treated areas after the treatment. Please do not use any DIY pest control products.

Do not leave food scraps exposed and keep food in sealed containers. Clean bench tops and appliances. Also seal up any rubbish bins and make sure they are well covered.

Fix leaking taps and plumbing and look out for places indoors where water seems to collect. If your property has a sub floor area, make sure that water drains away properly and it is well ventilated.

Seal all cracks and crevices in the bathroom, pantry and kitchen cupboards. Avoid storing unnecessary items, like cardboard boxes or plastic bags.

### Cockroach Identification



A. American Cockroach



B. German Cockroach



C. Gisborne Cockroach