

PREVENTION OF COCKROACHES AT HOME

After each treatment that the Community or the Townhall carries out to fight pests in the sewage system, the roaches are more active for at least two weeks after the treatment. This is normal and indicates that the treatment is working as the roaches are trying to flee the chemicals. Despite the Community being up-to-date in pest control treatments, it can happen someone has indicated a problem of cockroaches *inside* their home. If it is only their home that is affected by this issue then we consider the issue to be of *privative nature*, and the Community cannot be held responsible.



To indicate the owners what to do against this pest, we have listed a few recommendations in line with the recommendations given by the Pest Control company Galvez:

Regular cleaning and good hygiene practices is the best way to help get rid of and prevent cockroaches, as proper sanitation will eliminate any potential food sources and nesting sites.

Cleaning:

What should be cleaned? Well, any surface, areas that you use to prepare food, floors, sinks, bathrooms and showers. It is highly recommended to use the vacuum cleaner regularly, as well as to wash kitchen utensils and dishes.

Food is one of the main culprits in the appearance of cockroaches. Eliminating possible food sources around your home and business prevents these insects from proliferating. We recommend that you store food in airtight containers to reduce the odor that can attract roaches to your property, also make sure that all food is kept out of the reach of roaches, especially if there is already an infestation!

Food for pets and garbage:

Leaving your pet's food and dirty garbage behind provides roaches with another great food source. You can avoid this by regularly emptying the garbage can, as well as cleaning the food bowl that you use for your pet, making sure that they are free of food leftovers, especially at night.

Reduce water sources:

Removing any potential sources of water, such as standing water in buckets, and making sure drains and pipes are unobstructed so water can run freely, can help make your property less attractive to roaches. Another benefit it represents is reducing the amount of humidity in your home, a key point in preventing cockroaches.

Bins:

The bins provide roaches with an endless supply of food, and they're also one of the main sites where harmful bacteria can accumulate.

Clear the clutter:

Cockroach droppings contain a pheromone that lets other roaches know if they have found a safe place to live. Eliminating clutter limits the areas in which they can defecate, making your home less attractive to roaches.

Repairs:

It is important to regularly inspect your property for possible entry points for roaches and to use something like expandable foam to repair any damage. Common areas to inspect are: walls, doors and windows, electrical outlets, skirt tiles, and kitchen sinks as well as bathroom cabinets and shelves. The same can be said for leaky pipes and blocked drains, as moisture is something that attracts roaches. Make sure you also inspect the pipes and drains regularly and repair them if necessary.