

Use Pesticides as a Last Resort

If you must use a pesticide:

- Read the label and follow the directions.
- Never use outdoor pesticides inside the house.
- Keep pesticides away from children, toys, and pets.
- Keep pesticides in their original container.
- Try safer ways of killing roaches, like boric acid or bait and trap.
- Only buy pesticides with an EPA registration number. Never buy off the street or from friends.



If you hire someone to kill the cockroaches in your house remember to ask:



- Do you have the necessary pest control certification?
- What work will you be doing in my house?
- What chemicals will be used?

If you have additional questions or concerns call:

**National Pesticide
Information Center**
1-800-858-7378



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Get Rid of Roaches!



Roaches cause problems for humans. Their body parts and droppings can make people sick. Follow these simple steps to rid your home of roaches.

Starve Them Out

Roaches like to stay in places where they can find food. If they can't find food they probably will leave.

- Keep drawers, cabinets and counter tops free of food and clutter.
- Clean up spills and crumbs.
- Seal bags and containers of food.
- Cover trash. Don't leave food out overnight.



Cover Food

Dry Them Out

Roaches can't live without water to drink. Get rid of standing water all over the house.

- Fix leaky faucets and pipes.
- Always drain water from sink and bath after use.
- Keep drains clear of water and garbage.
- Keep all areas of the house clean and dry, including the basement, kitchen, and bathrooms.



Fix Leaks

Keep Them Out

Stop roaches from becoming a problem. Keep them out of your house.

- Keep your house clean and in order.
- Put screens over vents and pipes that open to outside.
- Seal cracks and openings with caulk along baseboards, behind sinks, and around windows.
- Vacuum and mop your floors regularly.



Clean up