

Cockroaches

What do they look like?

There are two main species of cockroach in Britain today. The Oriental cockroach - dark brown in colour and 30mm long - and the German cockroach - light yellowish brown and 12mm long. Both species' bodies are divided into three sections and have long antennae protruding from their head.

Where do they live?

Cockroaches can be found in areas such as kitchens, cellars, basements, bakeries and heating ducts etc. The Oriental cockroach can survive outdoors during the summer months in Britain. Most species can climb vertical surfaces with ease. The German cockroach can also climb smooth surfaces.

What do they eat?

Cockroaches eat a wide range of substances, the most popular being human food and refuse. Cockroaches are able to survive without food for several months, however they cannot live more than a few weeks without water.

How do you treat and control cockroaches?

A thorough cleansing of the area must be carried out before treating against cockroaches. Pay particular attention to food sources and hiding places.

Sticky traps are not recommended for controlling cockroaches. These should only be used for monitoring the extent of the infestation.

Insecticide: The majority of insects and their eggs tend to be hidden in cracks and crevices, therefore particular attention needs to be paid to those areas when applying insecticides.

To prevent any re-infestation, the insecticide should be re-applied to deal with insect eggs.

Insecticide baits can help give continuous control of cockroaches over an extended period of time.

Pesticide treatments - always follow the instructions stated on the label.



Knowsley Pest Control Service:

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