

Pest Control – Fact Sheet

Mice



The best way to deter mice entering your property is to block any gaps and entry points and clear up areas where they build a nest. Mice have soft skeletons and can get through gaps about the width of a pencil. A Mouse preferred food is cereal so it is important to keep all foodstuffs in tight containers.

Rats



The best way to deter rats is to deny them access to food, water and shelter. Unlike mice, rats need daily access to a water source they're also renowned for eating just about anything. It is important to keep foodstuffs in metal or glass containers with tight fitting lids, Tidy inside the house and around the garden - *less clutter means fewer places to hide* and Put outdoor rubbish bags in metal bins with securely fitted lids to stop them feeding from contents.

Cockroaches



It is often easier to spot signs of a cockroach problem than the actual insect pest. Cockroaches are mostly nocturnal, during the day they prefer to stay hidden in cracks and crevices, coming out to feed mostly at night time. To prevent cockroach infestations it is important to eliminate all food sources for the cockroaches, clean and de-clutter any areas that could possibly attract cockroaches.



Wasps

Prevention is key if you want to avoid problems with wasps. Ensure outside bins have tightly fitting lids. Keep bins at a distance from doors and windows so wasps are not attracted to the contents. Check your home and garden in early spring for nests, early on they will be walnut or golf ball in size - early small nests have fewer wasps and are easier to treat quickly. Look for nests in lofts, garages, sheds, cavity walls or under eaves.

Fleas



Hovering regularly, washing pet bedding weekly ideally above 50 degrees will help prevent flea's entering your home. Wildlife such as foxes, rabbits, rodents and deer also carry fleas - when your pets are outside they can easily pick up these fleas and bring them back, so check them regularly using flea combs.

Honey Bees



Honey bees are the species kept by Bee Keepers. If you have a problem with honey bees, contact a local Bee Keeper or Environmental Health Department as they will be able to arrange for the swarm to be relocated. Look for nests in lofts, garages, sheds, cavity walls or under eaves. A simple way of identifying the difference between a honey bee and wasp is Bees are similar in size but are furrer and mostly black in colour.

Silverfish



Silverfish are serpentine insects that require damp and humid conditions and thrive in kitchens, laundry rooms, bathrooms and other dark, isolated areas. Fixing leaks in pipework, improving ventilation and using dehumidifiers can help discourage silverfish