

If you know what to do,  
you can avoid most  
pest problems  
in your home.

## Follow these steps:

Identify and monitor  
the pest.



Sanitize and keep  
your home clean.



Exclude pests by sealing  
entry points.



Control pests by  
trying non-chemical  
methods first, then  
using pesticides if  
necessary.



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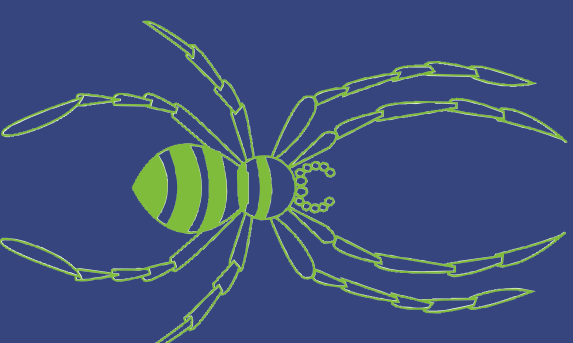
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# Spiders



# If spiders are a problem in your home...

## Identify:

- Properly identify the pest. Spiders have two body regions, eight legs and no antennae.

### • These spiders are dangerous:

body  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch

body & legs  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches



**Black widow**

body  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch

body & legs  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch



**Brown recluse**

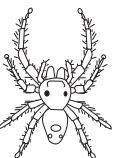
### • These spiders are beneficial:

1 inch



**Orb weaver**

$\frac{3}{4}$  inch



**Jumping spider**

## Sanitize:



- Remove spiders and their webs regularly with a broom or vacuum.
- Regularly clean areas that normally remain undisturbed, such as attics, garages and closets.



- Shake out clothing, shoes, towels and linens before using them.
- Wear gloves when cleaning to protect yourself from spider bites.
- Prune bushes and tree branches away from the house.

## Exclude:



- Store firewood off the ground and away from the house. Do not store firewood in the house.
- Seal boxes with tape before storing them.
- Use caulk or steel wool to seal openings around plumbing pipes and any other openings where pests can enter the home.
- If you can see daylight around outside doors, replace the weather stripping and/or door threshold.



## Control:



- Keep screens on doors and windows in good repair.
- Inspect boxes, furniture and other items for spiders before bringing them into your home.
- Keep outside lights off at night. Or, use yellow lights that don't attract the insects spiders feed on.
- Before you buy or use any pesticide, read the label carefully. Be sure the product is labeled for the site and the pest you will treat.
- Inside the home, spray an insecticide along baseboards, in corners, and inside storage closets.
- Outside the home, use an insecticide around doors and windows, under roof eaves, under decks and porches, and around the foundation.
- If spiders remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.