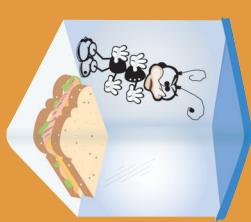


If you know what to do,  
you can avoid most  
pest problems  
in your home.

## Follow these steps:

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



Exclude pests by sealing  
entry points.



Sanitize and keep  
your home clean.



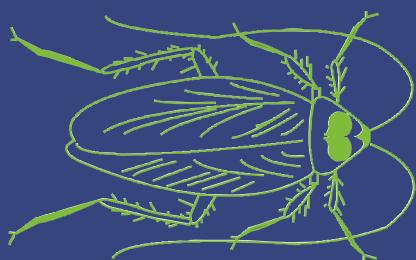
Identify and monitor  
the pest.

Ants  
Carpenter Ants  
Fleas  
Pantry Pests  
Scorpions  
Silverfish  
Small Flies  
Small Mammals  
Spiders

## Other pests in the ISEC Home Pest Management series:



# Cockroaches



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# If cockroaches are a problem

## in your home...

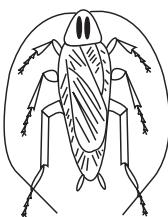
### Identify:

- Properly identify the pest.
- Cockroaches are oval with leathery wings and long antennae.



1 3/4 inches

### American cockroach



1/2 inch

### German cockroach



### Sanitize:

- It's much easier to prevent cockroach problems than to control these pests after they enter your home. Start by keeping your home clean.
- Do not leave food or pet food out or dirty dishes in the sink overnight.



### Exclude:

- Store food and pet food in glass or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids.



- Use caulk or steel wool to seal openings around plumbing pipes and any other openings where pests can enter your home.

- Do not spray insecticides near baits. Insecticides can contaminate the bait.



- Apply insecticide to baseboards, cracks, openings around water pipes, and under the sink.



- Before you buy or use any pesticide, read the label carefully. Be sure the product is labeled for the site and the insect you will treat.

### Control:

- If you can see daylight around outside doors, replace the weather stripping and/or door threshold.
- Keep screens on doors and windows in good repair.
- If you feed your pets outside, move the food dishes away from doors.
- Clean kitchen counters, tables and floors often.
- Sweep and vacuum regularly.
- Keep garbage in plastic bags and take the garbage out several times a week.
- Outdoors, keep garbage in a closed container and keep the container clean inside and out.
- Rinse recyclable items before storing them, and clean the recycling containers often.
- Repair plumbing leaks.
- Empty refrigerator drip pans regularly.
- Insecticide baits in childproof, plastic stations are safe, easy to use and effective. Try baits first.
- Insecticide gel baits in applicator tubes are also easy to use and very effective.
- Give baits time to work. They may take several days or longer.