

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

Follow these steps:

Identify and monitor
the pest.



Exclude pests by sealing
entry points.



Sanitize and keep
your home clean.

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

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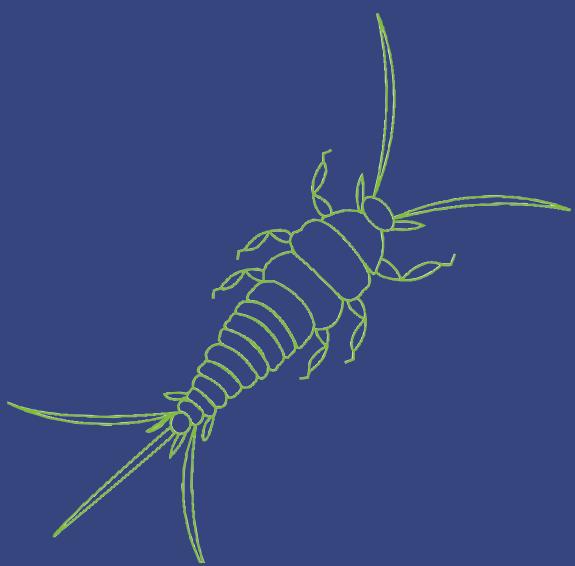
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Silverfish



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If silverfish are a problem in your home...

- Regularly clean under sinks and refrigerators where it is dark and moist.

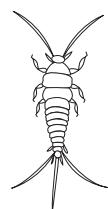
Control:

- 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.

Identify:

- Properly identify the pest. Silverfish are silvery gray, carrot-shaped, and have three tails.



3/4 inch



- Sweep and vacuum often.



- Repair plumbing leaks.

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.
- Apply a thin layer of insecticide dust in cracks, crevices and wall voids. Don't allow the dust to become wet.
- Do not spray insecticides near baits. Insecticides can contaminate the bait.
- Give baits time to work. They may take several days or longer.



- If books and papers you want to keep are infested, put the items in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for about a week to kill silverfish.
- If silverfish remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.

Sanitize:

- Remove old newspapers, magazines, books and fabrics that have been stored a long time in the house or attic. These are hiding places for silverfish.



- Clean up spilled food and drinks immediately.

- Lower the humidity in your home by using dehumidifiers and fans.

- Inspect boxes, furniture, and other items before bringing them into your home.