

Use pesticides as a last resort

If you must use pesticide:

- Read label and follow directions.
- Never use outdoor pesticides inside the house.
- Keep pesticides in their original container.
- Try safe ways of killing roaches, like boric acid or bait and trap.
- If you are using a certified pest control applicator, do not use any pesticides of your own on top of what the exterminator is using, as it will make both ineffective.
- Only buy pesticides with an EPA registration number.

If you hire someone to kill the roaches in your home remember to ask :

- If they are a certified pest control applicator.
- What work they will be doing in your house.
- What chemicals will be used.

If you have any questions or concerns call:

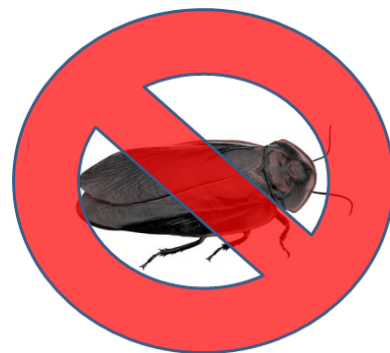
Hamilton County Public Health 513-946-7847

National Pesticide Information Center
1-800-858-7378

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Get Rid of Roaches!

Roaches cause problems for humans. Their body parts and droppings can make people sick. Follow these simple steps to rid your home of roaches.



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Starve Them Out

Roaches like to stay in places where they can find food. If they can't find food, they probably will leave.

- ❑ Keep drawers, cabinets and counter tops free of food and clutter.
- ❑ Clean up spills and crumbs..
- ❑ Seal bags and containers of food.
- ❑ Cover trash.
- ❑ Don't leave food out overnight.



Cover Food

Dry Them Out

Roaches can't live without water to drink. Get rid of standing water all over the house.

- ❑ Fix leaky faucets and pipes.
- ❑ Always drain water from sink and bath after use.
- ❑ Keep drain clear of water and garbage.
- ❑ Keep all areas of house clean and dry, including the basement, kitchen, and bathrooms.

Fix Leaks



Keep Them Out

Stop Roaches from becoming a problem. Keep them out of your house

- ❑ Keep your house clean and in order.
- ❑ Put screens over vents and pipes that open to outside.
- ❑ Seal cracks and openings with caulk along baseboards, behind sinks, and around windows.
- ❑ Vacuum and mop your floors regularly.

Clean Up

