

Keeping Pests Out Of Your Home: 10 Pest Control Tips From Impact Housing Association



We're not talking about your noisy neighbour or your annoying uncle Fred. These are tips to keep those pesky pests and insects out of your home. You know all the pests you love to hate like roaches, ants, spiders, crickets, scorpions and mice. Here are 10 great tips to help prevent pests from ever entering your home:

- Keep the floors clean: wipe up any spills immediately using soap and water not just a rag. Clean the entire flooring at least once a week and the kitchen floor at least twice a week.
- Take out the rubbish: every day, do not leave trash in your home overnight. This includes all trash cans not just in the kitchen.
- Keep fruit in the refrigerator: especially when ripe.
- Keep the sink clean: wash dishes daily. If you cannot clean the dishes, then at least fill the sink with soap and water.
- Keep a tight lid on things: make sure all food and beverage containers kept outside of the refrigerator are tightly sealed. Keep bags of cereal, seeds and grains in a sealed container.
- Keep things dry: make sure the bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms are dry. Ensure leaks are fixed immediately and wipe up any spills or splashes at once.
- Keep pets clean: brushing, bathing and using flea and tick protection on your animals, especially indoor/outdoor pets.
- Seal up the house: ensure there are no cracks on baseboards, pipes, ducts, and fittings inside the home. Check outside door frames, window frames, roof joints and any visible cracks on the exterior surface.
- Keep the outside of the home free and clear: do not stack wood next to the home and do not leave piles of leaves laying around the yard. Keep any plants cut back so pests cannot climb up and access your house. Gutters should be free of leaves and other debris that may harbor insects.

These tips are meant to be a great starting point and not guaranteed to keep out all pests.

Please note that Impact Housing are not responsible for pest control, although we can give you advice and contact details for who may be able to help -

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