

Spring Cleaning

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Spring Cleaning Checklist for Pest Prevention

This Home-Tidying Checklist Provides Easy Tips for a Pest-Free Spring.



Look closely to identify tiny cracks in the walls, windows, doors, and around plumbing and electrical wires. Seal them with caulk or weatherstrip so pests can't get in.



Wash or dry-clean winter sweaters before storing them to remove moth eggs and prevent infestations. For extra protection, place a pouch of Stay Away® Moths in the storage bins.



Clean up areas where traces of pet food may be present to eliminate attractants that can lure pantry moths, ants and mice into the space.



Fix any leaks. A leaky faucet or water seeping indoors will encourage critters like spiders, ants and cockroaches to come in and stay awhile.



Remove spider webs and prevent new ones. Vacuum them up and spray the area with half a cup of water, half a cup of vinegar, two tablespoons of dish soap, and 20 drops of thyme oil. After you clean, place Stay Away® Spiders in the area for added protection.



Transfer dry food into airtight glass, metal, or plastic containers to protect it from moths, weevils and small beetles. Then place a repellent like Stay Away® Moths in the pantry to prevent spring infestations.



Ditch the cardboard boxes. Store winter items in air-tight storage bags to protect them from pests that are attracted to cardboard, like cockroaches, silverfish, moths and termites.



Move all furniture to thoroughly vacuum for crumbs, and wash windows with treatments according to their labels. Pests are drawn to all the dirt, clutter, and crumbs that accumulate where you spend the most time.



Blast music while you clean. Spiders love quiet, undisturbed places. The music's vibrations will interfere with spiders' ability to detect their next meal, and they'll quickly leave in search of a quieter spot.



Spray the insides of your dresser or wardrobe with a vinegar-based cleaner. Then wash it with a warm soap solution. Remove any drawers before you begin cleaning, the gap between the wall of the wardrobe and the shelves is a moth's favorite place to hide.



Steam your carpets to remove moth eggs and larvae. For sofas and armchairs, use a hair dryer on the highest heat setting and slowly move it over the fabric. The hot air will quickly take care of unseen eggs to prevent a pest problem.



Leave out lemon, lime and orange peels in the kitchen. Citrus peels are toxic to the fungi that ants feed on and act as a natural repellent.



Replace traps and poisons with plant-based repellents like EarthKind's Stay Away® Spiders, Ants, and Moth pouches. Stay Away® brings fresh spring scents in, while keeping pests out!