

## Homeowner Tips

Food, Water and Shelter are three things needed to sustain life. Greenleaf Organic Pest Management, Inc. understands pest biology and utilizes the latest technology available to rid your home of unwanted pest and address these three (3) components of life. It's important that a partnership develop between your technician and your pest control company. Below is a list of suggested actions you can take to assist your pest control professional in obtaining control of your specific issue, and the most common and environmentally responsible protection form pests.



- Emptying trash containers frequently
- Keeping trash containers clean both inside and out
- Cleaning outdoor garbage areas to remove debris
- Using tight fitting lids and/or closed dumpsters to store garbage outdoors
- Emptying sink strainers and running the garbage disposal frequently to prevent food residue on dishes
- Washing dishes immediately after meals to help prevent pests from consuming food residue on dishes
- Cleaning food particles and grease from kitchen appliances (toasters, ovens, microwaves, stoves, and refrigerators)
- Storing pet food in re-sealable containers
- Limiting the amount of time that pet food and water dishes are left out
- Storing food products in plastic snap-lid containers or kept in the refrigerator
- Vacuuming and sweeping floors and furniture regularly, especially around eating areas such as kitchen and living rooms
- Cleaning food storage areas and shelves regularly, where pests may be harboring
- Sealing gaps around plumbing, wall outlets and switch plates to prevent pest from migrating from infested units to others
- Screening windows, doors, and access vents
- Caulking cracks and gaps in and around the property to keep pest from invading from outdoors
- Running water frequently in spare bathrooms, utility tubs and toilets to keep pest from entering through dry drain pipes
- Scanning grocery items, produce and other packaged food products, which may have been stored in pest infested areas prior to being purchased, before bringing them indoors or storing them
- Inspecting children's book bags and lunch pails on a regular basis to prevent transporting pest from school and home
- Keeping branches and shrubbery well trimmed and away from property
- Remove old tires or other open containers around the property that can fill up with water and provide a breeding ground for pest
- Stacking firewood and lumber away from the house to eliminate harborage for rodents, spiders and termites
- Pulling soil or mulch back from the foundation of the property to prevent termites, especially where wood meets the soil
- Channeling water from downspout away from the property's foundation
- Paying particular attention to the maintenance and upkeep of the property's foundation