

# German Cockroach Treatment Preparation Guide

## Lakewood Exterminating

### Prior To Treatment

All children and pets must remain out of treatment area while service is being performed.

Remove ALL items stored in cabinets (upper and lower), pantries, drawers and storage bins in kitchen and bathroom areas. Place these items in plastic bags. Seal each bag, and place on outside porch.

**DO NOT PLACE BAGS IN DINING ROOM OR IN LIVING ROOM.**

Vacuum all areas as you remove the items. This will eliminate roach feces and old carcasses.

You can even vacuum up live roaches. **BE SURE TO EMPTY BAG OR TRAY IMMEDIATELY!** Empty into plastic bag and seal it tightly. Place bag outdoors in trash can or dumpster.

Unload the dishwasher.

Take everything off the stove.

Pick up and remove pet food dishes and food from floor. Do not leave food out overnight.

Take all garbage outdoors and place away from the structure.

Clear all counter space, except microwave ovens, blenders, other electric utensils. Knife blocks should be left on counter as roaches love to hide in them.

Clean behind and under refrigerator, stove, or anything else that can be moved in the kitchen.

Clean Floors prior to pest control service.

### After Treatment

Allow 2 to 3 hours before placing items back into cabinets.

Clean up all dead roaches using paper towels.

Remove all EGGS! Roach Eggs Are your worst enemy. 30 – 45 Babies in each egg. Thoroughly look through kitchen and remove all egg sacks.

Wipe down, vacuum all counters and floors, including cracks and gaps.

Wipe down, vacuum all cabinets.

Wipe down all appliances.

CHECK ALL ITEMS FOR ROACHES AND EGGS before placing them back into cabinets and drawers. This is critical. If you put boxes, etc. with roaches in those boxes you still have roaches.

Keys to keeping your home German Roach Free; Post Treatment.

German Roaches require 3 things, Food, Water, and Harborage. Take these away and get rid of roaches.

**FOOD:** Be sure that countertops, stovetops, and floors are free from food scraps. These scraps provide food for these pests. Want to get rid of the roaches? Get rid of the food!

**WATER:** Do not leave any water for these guys! At night, wipe up any excess water. Keep sink area, counters, stovetop, and floors free from water. Keep sink area and counters completely dry. Remember even the smallest drops provide enough water for German Roaches to survive.

**HARBORAGE:** Roaches love cracks & crevices to hide and lay eggs. Seal all cracks around the kitchen counter. German Roaches will try to stay close to the sink (Water Supply). Seal all cracks with standard caulking.

Clean all spilled foods from floors and countertops. We place baits in certain areas for the roaches to eat. If you leave even small crumbs they will not eat the bait.

Keep food in tightly sealed containers or ziplock bags.

Keep counter space clean of food and water at all times. Make sure floor is free from food remains.

Take garbage out every day and keep outside garbage can away from the house.

Do not leave pet food or water in a feeding dish overnight. Transfer pet food to a tightly sealed container once it is opened.

Run dishwasher regularly.

Roaches look for hiding places to lay their eggs. Be sure to clear clutter from countertops, cabinets, pantries. Clutter provides hiding places for roaches. Remove clutter and greatly reduce your roach population.

Get rid of all boxes that store food. You are better off with the cereal bag than the box. Roaches love boxes, even ones that appear sealed. They love to get under the flaps. Ideal for laying eggs.

Inspect all grocery bags for roaches before storing product. Yes believe it or not. Many times German Roaches come into your home via sources like grocery stores, restaurants and work.

Discard any cardboard boxes immediately.