Cockroach Preparation

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- 1. Clean the home prior to the pest control visit, and maintain the home as neatly as possible afterward for long-term results. This helps to eliminate competing food sources for the insects. Additionally, when the home is clean, the roaches will be more easily attracted to the bait rather than to other food sources
- 2. Cover and store any open food. Remove all foods, small appliances, and other small items from counter-tops.
- 3. Store and/or cover baby toys, supplies, crib mattress, changing table, etc.
- 4. Mop/scrub kitchen and other hard floors and woodwork with detergent. Thoroughly vacuum carpeted floors.
- 5. Vacuum up any visible roaches and eggs just before the service visit, using the vacuum's crevice attachment to get into cracks. After vacuuming, take the vacuum cleaner outside, remove the vacuum bag, seal it, and discard in trash. Take a damp cloth and wipe down the entire vacuum cleaner.
- 6. Always keep garbage in closed containers and take out the garbage every night.
- 7. Remove items from the top of the refrigerator, stove, and any other large appliances that could not be stored. Just prior to service, move these appliances away from the wall, and clean behind and beneath them. If the stove has a removable bottom drawer that opens to the floor, you can simply pull this out, and clean it and the floor beneath. It will then not be necessary to move the entire stove.
- 8. Be sure that the pest control professional has free and full access to anywhere that cockroaches have been seen (and anywhere specified by the PCO).
- 9. Discard all excess paper products, and any other unused piles or trash, as these will provide harborage areas for roaches and other pests.
- 10. Homeowners should repair any water leaks immediately upon detection; apartment residents should report the leak to maintenance immediately upon detection.
- 11. After service, keep sanitation to as high a level as possible to allow all products to work as swiftly as possible. Do not touch cockroach gel or allow children or pets to get near.