

Bishop Spray Service, North Central Division Sanitation Recommendations

For Cockroaches

Preparation for Each Treatment

- 1. Make arrangements for all people, pets (including fish and birds), to be out of the home for a minimum of four hours once the application has been completed. Fish tanks can remain with pumps turned off and the tank covered but we cannot guarantee survival due to the sensitivity of fish to insecticides.
- 2. Fix dripping faucets or leaks.
- 3. Move all appliances and furniture 18 inches away from wall.
- 4. Remove everything from kitchen cabinets, closets and drawers and place in the center of the living room and/or dining room floor.
- 5. Discard any food that is opened if it cannot be sealed in an airtight container or placed in the refrigerator. Remove all garbage from the house.
- 6. Empty all pet food and water dishes and remove their food from the house.
- 7. Remove everything from bathroom cabinets, closets and drawers and place in the center of the living room and/or dining room floor.
- 8. Cover with a sheet or blanket all items that have been removed from the kitchen and bathrooms and placed in the center of the living room and/or dining room floor.
- 9. Wash out and/or vacuum all kitchen and bathroom cabinets, closets and drawers.

After Each Application

- 1. People and pets may re-enter the home no sooner than 4 hours after the application has been completed.
- 2. Open doors and windows for at least 20 minutes.
- 3. Wash all dishes, including pet food and water dishes, in **HOT** water.
- 4. Return all kitchen and bathroom items to their normal location. DO NOT WASH OUT CABINETS, CLOSETS OR DRAWERS.
- 5. Wash the sheet and/or blanket used to cover kitchen and bathroom items.
- 6. Vacuum the carpet and place bag in sealed bag and dispose of in an outdoor bin.

At Completion of Treatment Program

- 1. In some cases, even when the instructions are followed, additional treatments may be necessary. Each treatment must be 14 days apart.
- 2. Keep your kitchen clean! Wash dishes and clean up crumbs and spills promptly. Pay special attention to range tops.
- 3. Sweep and/or vacuum floors regularly to remove food and debris on the floors.
- 4. Put food away! Keep food in the refrigerator or in sealed containers. Do not leave food, including pet food and water, out overnight.
- 5. Empty trash regularly! And keep trash away from the house.
- 6. Continue maintenance of faucets, etc to keep them from leaking.