

What Are Pantry Pests?

“Pantry pests” include beetles, moths & other insects that can infest stored dry foods. They may enter the home in an already-infested package & spread to other food products.

Before Your Technician Arrives:

- ☐ **Let us know where you are seeing pantry pests or signs of activity.** This can help us locate the source.
- ☐ **Inspect dry foods** in the affected area, including flour, baking mixes, rice, pasta, cereal, spices, nuts, seeds & dried fruit. Discard heavily infested products in an outdoor trash container.
- ☐ **Check pet food, bird seed & other dry animal feed.** These products are easy to overlook.
- ☐ **Inspect opened & unopened packages** for beetles, moths, larvae, shed skins, webbing, or damaged packaging.
- ☐ **Clean all affected areas and items with dish soap and water**, including any spills or crumbs.
- ☐ **Remove shelf liners** as they can harbor eggs.

After Treatment:

- ☐ **Continue monitoring stored food** products & inspect surrounding items if activity persists.
- ☐ **Vacuum** pantry shelves, cracks, corners, shelf edges & other areas where food particles may collect.
- ☐ **Clean up** food spills & crumbs promptly.
- ☐ **Store susceptible dry foods** in tightly sealed containers rather than relying on cardboard or thin plastic packaging.
- ☐ **Do not spray pesticides directly onto food or food-contact surfaces.**

What to Expect:

Finding & removing the source is one of the most important steps in controlling pantry pests. You may continue to see some adult beetles or moths after an infested product is removed because insects may already be present elsewhere or may emerge from previously infested material.