# German Cockroach Preparation Sheet

### **Preparing For Your CockroachTreatment**

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming bed bug treatment. Coppes Pest Solutions will provide detailed instructions on what you need to do before your scheduled treatment in the following document. Preparation involves everything from providing adequate access to your unit or property, to cleaning and post-treatment recommendations. We understand that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short period of time and that senior citizens or handicapped individuals may need additional assistance and time considerations.

Please note: Coppes Pest Solutions will not be able to provide complete treatment to any unit or property that has not met the preparations that follow in this instructional document.

## **Preparation**

All furniture should be pulled away from the walls and baseboards at least 2 feet. It is common for items that could potentially provide hiding places for German roaches, such as book cases and desks, be emptied of their contents and remain empty for treatment. Items previously stored in sealed containers may remain unopened.

- Kitchen and bathroom cabinets (including pantry) should be fully emptied and cleaned.
- Kitchen and bathroom drawers should be emptied and drawers should be put on top of the counters.
- 3. Pots, pans, dishes, etc. should be placed on a table or in the middle of the floor away from areas to be treated.
- 4. Grease should be washed off walls and stove area.
- 5. Any open food on counters and tables (i.e. food on plates or in pots) must be removed.

- 6. Remove aluminum foil on or behind stove or on backsplashes.
- 7. If possible, pull stove and refrigerator out at least 6 inches.
- 8. Baseboards will normally be treated so make sure nothing is against the wall that doesn't belong there (i.e. shoes, un-hung pictures)
- If possible, move furniture approximately 4 inches away from the walls so the baseboards and outlets can be thoroughly treated.
- 10. Vacuum and sweep floors
- Pick up all toys and personal items from the floor or areas needing treatment prior to service
- 12. Pick up pet food and water dishes from floor.

Please note: All homes or apartment/condo units that are noted to have excess clutter will not be provided a complete treatment. A thorough and successful treatment cannot be achieved while there is excess clutter and untidiness in the home. The more complete the preparation, the quicker the control. MORE PREP=QUICKER CONTROL

#### **Vacate Premises**

- 1. People and pets must leave the premises for a minimum of two (2) hours after treatment.
- Babies (0-24 months or if still crawling) and ladies who are pregnant must leave the premises for a minimum of four (4) hours or longer if possible.
- 3. Birds must be removed from the premises for at least twenty-four (24) hours.
- 4. Fish tanks must be covered and filters turned off or unplugged.



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#### **After Your Cockroach Treatment**

Please keep in mind that we are dealing with nature and, as we all know, sometimes nature does not like to cooperate as well as we would like. If this occurs, we may have to change our tactics in order to get a stubborn infestation under control. Target insects must come in contact with our products in order to be effective. Please allow at least two (2) weeks before requesting a call-back, otherwise we may be applying product on top of product. Only areas where an active infestation exists will be treated on call-backs unless otherwise deemed necessary by the technician.

#### Re-entry

There may be a slight odor remaining when you re-enter. If there is an odor, take comfort in knowing that the odor is not harmful to people and pets. You may open a window after service without altering the effectiveness of the treatment.

If there are any area still damp, avoid these areas until dry.

You may put everything back inside any treated cabinet or cupboard and replace all moved furniture when you return. There is no waiting period.

## Cleaning

If you need to clean the countertops, please use a dry paper towel to wipe them down.

You do not need to wash your dishes after treatment but you may choose to do so if desired.

#### For Your Information

The products we use cannot penetrate the ootheca (egg capsule) of the German cockroach. Also, German cockroaches do not come out of hiding until after their first 2 moltings (shedding of skin). If you haven't see adult German cockroaches for a while but are starting to see baby roaches, remember the roaches must come into contact with our product in order to kill them. Give the baby roaches a couple of days to react to the residual product before calling.

A treatment will not make a German cockroach problem worse even though it sometimes appears that it has. If you enter the home and see roaches on the walls and ceilings, or you see them in places they have not previously been, it is because we have flushed them out of their hiding places and they are trying to get away from the product. It may seem that the problem has worsened because you are seeing more roaches than before, but it actually means the roaches cannot return to where they were living. Give the product more time to work before calling us back. A second treatment within a couple of days of the original service does not make the product more effective.



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