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RESIDENT PEST EXCLUSION TIPS

Cockroaches can travel through small cracks and holes. They nest in warm and dark spaces such as behind appliances, wall hangings and holes in wet plaster. Limiting hiding areas, access to living spaces and eliminating food sources (food & water) is an essential part of preventing transference and infestation.

Even if you see only one or two cockroaches in your apartment, you should still schedule treatment with the Residence Office as others could be hiding; a single cockroach will lay up to 30 eggs and reproduces quickly.

Tips to Prevent Transference and Infestation

- Clean behind fridge and stove regularly
- Clean regularly in the kitchen, especially grease on kitchen cabinets
- Clean behind wall hangings regularly i.e. pictures, mirrors
- Plug electrical outlets that are not used
- Ensure leaking water faucets or pipes are repaired in the kitchen and bathroom
- Ensure plaster repairs are completed especially if water damage has occurred
- Report repairs for any water damaged area including plaster, vinyl or parquet floors
- Tape a dryer sheet over the kitchen and bathroom vents
- Do not tape over kitchen and bathroom vents, this stops proper air flow ventilation in the unit
- Do not leave uncontained food out on the kitchen countertop, cupboards or elsewhere
- Do not allow water to pool on your kitchen countertop by the sink or faucet, this provides a water source for cockroaches, in addition over time the water will erode the countertop allowing entry spaces for cockroaches to hide, live and reproduce
- Dispose of dead cockroaches immediately as this is also a food source for living cockroaches

Tools and Products

- Silicone sealant (available at all hardware stores – e.g. Canadian Tire)
- Caulking gun (available at all hardware stores – e.g. Canadian Tire)
- Plastic receptacle plugs (available at hardware and department stores, often in the baby/infant section)

Use Silicone to Seal any Cracks 1/8 inch or more

- Seal gaps between floors and baseboards especially in kitchen and bathroom
- Seal gaps between wall and electrical outlets, plumbing and electrical fixtures

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