



Allpest Pest Awareness

Keeping you informed

Our Pest Awareness Series offer informative, easy to understand information on a range of problem pests.

We aim to keep you in control and as well as maintain a safe and healthier environment for your immediate surroundings.

Our Pest Awareness Sheets present facts such as:

- Overview
- Ecology and Habit
- Breeding Cycle
- Health Risk

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German Cockroaches (*Blattella Germanica*)

Overview

The German cockroaches are insects belonging to the Order Blattodea, representing a primitive and highly productive group of insects whose origin extend back to at least 300 million years. Among all the species, the German cockroach is probably the most widespread and successful cockroach that is able to co-exist with humans in buildings.

Ecology

The vast majority of German cockroach infestations are associated with commercial and domestic kitchens or other food handling areas. Infestations are mostly common in food handling factories, storehouses, restaurants, cafes, clubs, hotel, hospitals and most other buildings and houses.

Lifecycle

German cockroaches are the most prolific breeder, being able to mature to adulthood in 40 days from hatching. Females usually carry the egg cases until just prior to hatching and these cases may contain 30 - 40 eggs.

Habits

Cockroaches are omnivorous and they eat practically anything ranging from human or animal food to vegetable, any dead animals, cardboards, fabrics, hair , glue or even leather. Where water is available, adults may survive a month or more without food.

Health Risks

- Cockroaches often dwell in environments that support the growth of harmful organisms, viruses and can also carry eggs of worm parasites.
- Each cockroach may carry millions of diseases outside and inside of it's body, including salmonella food poisoning or diseases such as dysentery, tuberculosis, hepatitis, typhoid, fever and many more.

Management

Effective management of pest cockroaches rely on:

- High standards of sanitation and hygiene which will reduce factors that may facilitate a population growth.
- A comprehensive inspection/survey of the building(s).



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