



TIPS FOR PREVENTING PANTRY PESTS

EnviroSMART uses Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to control pantry pests. IPM relies on several pest control methods including sanitation, nonchemical and chemical solutions.

The first step is through inspection and sanitation. Resident cooperation is key and includes the following items:

PANTRY PESTS (Weevils, beetles, & moths)

- The key to elimination is removal of infested items. Pesticide products are not the answer as they cannot be applied to food products.
- Inspect dry goods, pastas, grains, dried fruit, spices etc. at the time of purchase
- Pet food and treats are also often infested with pantry pest
- If activity is found, inspection of ALL food items in pantry and pet food items is key to eliminating the problem. Any item with pest activity in it should be discarded.
- Other household items that can be infested include, potpourri, dried flowers, holiday decorations with dried fruit or nuts in them, wicker, peat moss, silk flowers, and children's art such as macaroni or bean art.
- DO NOT APPLY SPRAYS OR "BOMBS" TO CONTROL PANTRY PESTS.

We utilize several IPM methods to control pantry pests including monitoring activity with glue traps, insect growth regulators, and flushing agents. Do it yourself pest control such as sprays or "bombs" should NOT be used as these store-bought products are counterproductive to our IPM products, and can move activity to different areas of the unit or building. What to expect:

- Initially after the nesting source is located within 48-72 hours you will see a significant reduction if not elimination of pantry pests.
- Elimination time could vary if a nesting source is missed during your initial inspection.