

Keep Pests in Their Place ...& Out of Yours



While it may be fun to watch “creepy crawlies” in a movie or on TV, it is certainly no fun to have them in your living space. A problem in one room can migrate to adjacent rooms, so pest control is a concern for all of us.

Regular inspections and input from students help us detect pest problems early. When treatment is necessary, our professionals use environmentally safe measures for the pest involved and reduce the potential impact of pesticides on residents and the environment.

Got a Pest?

Please let us know if you see or suspect a pest in your room or hall. An inspection or treatment will be scheduled as quickly as possible. Treatment with a pesticide is usually not warranted. Instead, good sanitation and exclusion methods should be practiced. If treatment is required, we will provide you with preparation instructions. Should a pesticide be used in the treatment, you will receive a “Notice of Pesticide Treatment”, a safe re-entry time and any special instructions. If you have a predetermined medical condition that is affected by pesticides, please inform our FIXIT operator when you call for service. Please leave the treatment of pests to our professional staff. Some off-the-shelf products can be harmful to you and the environment, and may increase pests’ resistance to treatment.

How to Avoid ‘Em

Pests survive and multiply where food, shelter and water are available to them. By understanding how pests are attracted and then modifying your behavior accordingly, you can help keep them out of your room.

- Keep food in sealed plastic containers.
- Immediately after use, rinse and properly recycle or dispose of beverage containers.
- Dampness (high humidity) and warmth are what pests need to survive. Turn faucets off tightly; request repairs for all water drips or toilet problems. Eliminate any standing water sources, especially on counters, floors, in cabinets and under appliances.
- Keep window screens in place or windows closed. Report damaged screens to FIXIT at 647-2059.
- Get rid of the clutter, grocery bags and cardboard that provide shelter for bugs and spiders.
- Keep room appliances clean and dry.
- Vacuum, vacuum and vacuum, especially at floor edges, wall junctures and in cabinets. Use the vacuum’s crack and crevice tool to remove food particles and pests. Use a dust wand to reach high ceiling-to-wall junctures. (Vacuums are available at your Community Center.)
- Remove items from the floor and place on shelves, in cabinets or in closets.

What’s that bug?



German Cockroach



Brown-banded Cockroach



Centipede



Earwig



Common Bedbug



Lady Beetle



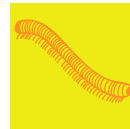
Small Flies



Silverfish



Box Elder Beetle



Millipede



Spiders



Pill or Sowbug

If a pest is detected (or suspected) in your residence, please call us!

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When you have reported your problem to FIXIT, you may also contact your Building Facilities Manager, Resident Advisor, Hall Director or Community Center Manager.