

# PEST CONTROL DEPARTMENT

## COCKROACHES

There are 2 main species of cockroach in the UK.

Oriental, this is the larger of the 2 dark Brown and about 30mm long.

The other is the German, light yellowish brown in colour and about 12mm long.

Both species have 3 sectioned bodies and have long antennae, they are generally found indoors in such areas as kitchens, bathrooms, cellars and heating ducts.

Cockroaches like warm and humid conditions, similar to those found in a typical home, which can give them a good source of food as well as shelter.

They are nocturnal, spending the day in such areas as sinks, drains, back of cupboards and around fridge motors.

Oriental cockroaches are often found in cooler and less humid areas such as drains and basements. They can thrive in buildings with service ducts and complex plumbing.

## THE LIFE CYCLE

### **Oriental Cockroach**

The female lays her eggs in a capsule containing up to 16 eggs and carries it to an area where the young can find food. The eggs hatch into small versions of the adults, or nymphs, after six to twelve weeks. The nymphs (which resemble the adults except for lack of wings) take between ten months and two years to grow to adulthood. Adults live for about 18 weeks.

### **German Cockroach**

The egg capsule of German cockroaches contain up to 32 eggs. The female carries the egg case for some time and drops it when the eggs are close to hatching. The nymphs take approximately 14 weeks to grow into adults and can live for approximately 34 weeks.

## CONTROL

Hygiene is very important, a thorough cleansing of the affected area should take place before any insecticidal treatment, paying particular attention to removing any food and water sources and places where activity is evident, under washers, cookers and fridges.

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## HOME TREATMENT

The success of the treatment depends on what insecticides are used and how they are used,

You may want to treat cockroaches yourself using cockroach insecticide, applying it to areas where cockroaches can shelter such as cracks, and around refrigerators and washing machines.

**You must read and follow the instructions on the product label carefully.**

However given the significance and the potential extent of cockroach infestations, professional advice and treatment is advised.

Does the Council treat for cockroaches?

Yes, our fully qualified Pest Control staff is available to carry out a professional treatment, if you require our assistance then please use the contact us on 01254 388 111.

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