



Roaches, spiders, and rodents love seeking shelter in warm homes as temperatures drop, and **One Stop Pest Solutions** can help you evict them. However, there are some preventative steps you can take to keep unwanted guests from showing up in the first place. Below, take a look at our pest-proofing checklist for homeowners.

Exterior

Even the tiniest opening is enough to allow pests into your home, so seal them up.

- Repair or replace any door or window screens with holes or tears.
- Replace worn, cracked, or warped weatherstripping around windows.
- Caulk any cracks on the exterior of your home, especially around pipes and utility lines.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from your home and never store firewood within 20 feet of your home- it's asking for termites!
- Add door bottoms (or door sweeps) to exterior doors.
- Install a chimney cap or screen to keep the local wildlife from finding their way inside.

Interior

- Repair any leaky pipes or other sources of moisture ASAP.
- As always, keep food contained to the kitchen and stored in airtight containers.
- Take the trash out frequently and use a trashcan with a lid.

Unfortunately, while these tips can make your home less attractive to pests, they are not foolproof. Roaches, spiders, mice, and other pests are skilled at infiltration, with roaches even fitting through spaces as small as 1/16th of an inch! If you see or hear signs of an infestation, you can be sure there are more unwanted guests that you're not seeing.

Use the next page as a checklist to help fortify your home or business against the unwanted pests.

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Item	Information	Check
<i>Exterior intrusions</i>	Seal up cracks and crevices outside of your home. Don't overlook main breaker boxes, water inlets and exterior stucco cracks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Interior intrusions</i>	Inspect under sinks, especially around pipes and water-supply lines where they meet the wall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Inspect for leaks</i>	Examine under your sink and around your toilet for leaks or additional moisture. Insects LOVE moisture.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Inspect exterior doors and screens</i>	Make sure all exterior doors have a door sweep installed, as pests can enter easily without anyone present. Screens with tears or holes should be repaired.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Firewood</i>	Keep your firewood away from your home. Pests will climb stacks to gain access to your residence, and will use stacked firewood for refuge.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Trees and shrubs</i>	Make sure tree limbs and shrubs are kept trimmed away from your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Food storage</i>	Food should be stored in airtight containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Keep things tidy</i>	By keeping your living and non-living areas tidy, you'll discourage pests from making your home theirs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Trash areas</i>	Keep your trash areas clean by bagging your trash in plastic bags.	<input type="checkbox"/>