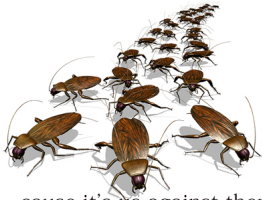


# Cockroach Control - Management & Treatment



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## What are Cockroaches?

Cockroaches are common pests that are widely distributed around the world and have a close association with man and his activities. There are six main pest species; the German Cockroach, American Cockroach, Australian Cockroach, Oriental Cockroach, Smoky Brown Cockroach and the Brown-Banded. Cockroaches are Primarily nocturnal and shy, cockroaches are rarely seen in large numbers during the day; if this does occur this is usually a feature of a large infestation.

Cockroaches are scavengers, with chewing mouthparts, and so are able to feed on a range of different food types. The fact that they readily move from one food source to another is a reason why they are mechanical vectors of disease; they can pick up pathogens from one contaminated source and transmit it, by contact, to another. (The large American cockroaches which are commonly seen around the urban areas of Australia have probably come from an underground drain or sewer before entering a dwelling!). Cockroaches have been shown to be capable of transmitting viruses and bacteria (eg. Salmonella and Staphylococcus) as well as the protozoa which cause amoebic dysentery.

## Are Cockroaches Dangerous?

Cockroaches collect germs and bacteria in their travels in germ infested places including; Salmonella, Staphylococcus as well as the protozoa which cause amoebic dysentery. The germs or bacteria may then be transferred to items they may come in contact with including/ food, bread boards, bench tops, cutlery, crockery etc. These germs can be very dangerous to humans and especially the young and elderly.

## What Can I do to prevent Cockroaches?

- Bag and Remove all garbage daily
- Don't leave left overs and food scraps out
- Clean floors sinks, bench tops and tables regularly
- Use plastic containers or bags for biscuits, bread and cereal type foods

- Rinse and wash dishes immediately after use
- Mop floors regularly and always after spills
- Have your home inspected and treated for cockroaches regularly - [Contact Penrith Valley](#)

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### Interesting fact

A cockroach can live without its head for an entire week.

### How often do Cockroaches breed?

Some female cockroaches mate once and are pregnant for the rest of their lives! Female roaches produce an odor, called pheromone, that attracts males and drives them wild. Pregnant for life? The cockroach facts are that it doesn't sound like much fun, but some female cockroaches mate once and are pregnant for the rest of their lives. Some female roaches incubate their egg cases in their bodies until they are ready to hatch, the babies stay with their mothers a day or two after they are born.

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As prolific breeders the number of cockroaches in a given localised infestation can increase quickly and rapidly and control measures are essential.

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