

Why do I have roaches in my home?

Olivia, I have roaches! How could this happen? I work so hard to keep my kitchen clean! I'll spray everywhere right away!

Wait, Sophie! You could make things worse!

Call the National Pesticide Information Center for more information.

Sophie found out that...

Identifying the type of roach is important.

Some roaches are resistant to certain pesticides and don't like eating some gels/baits

They also like to eat things like books and cardboard glue!

Your kitchen is clean but you still have roaches? I'm sorry you're dealing with that right now.

Roaches actually can survive in clean homes, and can sneak in by...

- Crawling through holes, cracks, and crevices 3/8 in. or smaller
- Moving between apartments through shared wall openings
- Hitching rides on bags and containers

Yikes, good to know!

I'm looking at your website, and it says that besides cleaning, I can...

- Check out warm, moist hiding spaces,
- Fix water leaks, and
- Cover food, pet food, and garbage cans

Also, prevention and monitoring are key. You could...

Check bags for roaches before bringing them inside

Seal cracks and holes around cabinets, windows, pipes, etc.

Monitor and remove signs of roaches like eggs, droppings, and skins

Wheee!

DRAT!

ROACHES ARE HERE

More questions about roaches?

Call 800-858-7378 M-F
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I'm OUT of here!