



REMOVE THE RISK

TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY PEST FREE

COMMON PEST SIGNS

In addition to preventing pests, it is important to know signs of pests to determine if you have a pest problem.

Below are three common pests and indicators of an infestation:

1. Cockroaches

- Egg casings (small shells that are black, brown, or dark red)
- Small droppings that look like black pepper grains
- Strong oily orders

2. Flies

- Seeing flies regularly in your establishment
 - Observing a large number of flies around garbage cans or waste containers
- Seeing a few flies every so often may not mean you have an infestation*

3. Rodents

- Small black droppings
Mice (droppings about the size of rice grains)
Rats (droppings about the size of jelly beans)
- Strong smell of ammonia (rodent urine)
- Nests made from materials such as lint and fabric

METHODS FOR PREVENTING PEST INFESTATIONS

The best way to control a pest infestation is to prevent it from happening.

There are two main ways to prevent and control the presence of insects, rodents, and other pests:

1. Block entry points (exclusion)

Eliminating entry points for pests will help keep them out of your establishment. This could include patching holes in walls and keeping doors closed as often as possible. In addition to this, inspecting food shipments for signs of pests and rodents can help keep pests out of your establishment.

2. Eliminate sources of food, water, and shelter

Pests are always on the hunt for food, water, and shelter. Denying pests those necessities will deter them from entering and staying in your restaurant. Some common ways to keep food and shelter from pests include:

- Storing food away from walls and at least six inches off the floor
- Sealing workplace equipment to the floor or raising it at least six inches above the floor
- Maintaining a sanitary work environment by cleaning and sanitizing preparation areas immediately after use
- Disposing of trash carefully and regularly
- Keeping dumpster areas clean
- Remove grease build-up
- Discard damaged goods, remove products from cardboard whenever possible
- Thoroughly sweep & mop corners to remove pest pheromones
- Remove food scraps from floor drains
- Keep lockers, desks, closets and storerooms clutter free



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