

# Cockroaches



## Do you have cockroaches?

There are two main species of cockroaches, the Oriental and the German.

The Oriental is 25 – 33mm long shiny, dark brown and nearly black. The female's wings are short whereas in the male they cover two-thirds of the abdomen.

The German is light brown in colour with two dark, almost parallel stripes running lengthwise just below the insect's head. The female is darker than the male and both are fully winged.

Cockroaches are often seen running quickly across surfaces, particularly in the kitchen or any area where food is stored.

## Why you might have cockroaches

Cockroaches can be imported into the home, either with food and packaging or in suitcases after a trip abroad.

## What you should do

We advise professional treatment and in the meantime take the following measures:

- wash all surfaces with an anti-bacterial agent before food preparation
- clear away any food after eating and don't leave crumbs about

If cockroaches are gaining access through the back of a cupboard, all accessible food should be removed and placed in sealed containers and the cupboard cleaned.

## Do we treat this problem?

Yes, we place sticky monitoring boards to survey and carry out treatment by using gel bait. Please note that there is a charge for this service.

## Do you need to do anything to prepare for the treatment?

No, but until the infestation is under control all surfaces should be cleaned before preparing food and all food should be put away in secure containers to avoid contamination as cockroaches do carry germs.

## After the treatment

The treatment will not affect your normal use of the premises.

## More information

Go to [www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/677.html](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/677.html) or call Pest Control on 023 9283 4251.

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For translated information, please call:

- the Bengali answerphone service on 023 9284 1651
- the Cantonese answerphone service on 023 9284 1652

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