

Tips on Controlling Cockroaches

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As with all infestations prevention is better than cure.

The cure in this instance is [KillRoach™](#), but your preventative measures will ensure that a roach infestation will not take place or that, if you notice roaches, you will be able to easily control and manage the problem.

What you need to know about Cockroaches.

We all know what roaches look like. They come in all sizes and colours. There are more than 4000 species. The most common specie in South Africa is the [German cockroach](#) – they don't really come from Germany, it's just a classification.

Killing roaches is not easy as they cunningly adapt to environments and quickly build up resistance to known poisons – resulting in the latter having to be made more potent all the time, which again has a very negative influence on humans as well as the environment.

One of the best survival strategies of roaches lies in the fact that they lay eggs – called ootheca. These have a tuff and protective leathery casing and contain approximately 40 hatchlings. Long after ordinary poisons have been applied (and evaporated), these 'eggs' hatch and a new generation of roaches is on its way.

Part of [KillRoach's™](#) success is that the hatchlings are being killed before they can procreate, and thus the breeding cycle is broken. [KillRoach™](#) is effective for as long as it is present and does not lose its potency.

So what can I do to control roaches?

The following will already tell you a lot about your plan of action.

- Cockroaches are omnivores, so they will eat anything, from toothpaste to their dead comrades.
- They must eat at least once in two weeks, but they cannot live without water for longer than about five days.
- They are nocturnal and shun light (in order to find their hiding places wait until early in the morning and switch on the light of for instance the kitchen in order to observe which way they run)
- They prefer warm and humid places. Wherever they congregate you will see dark brown spots – their faeces.

Your tactics

- CLEAN cannot be overemphasised.
- As roaches love food, keep your kitchen counters and floors clean.
- Wipe up any spills or crumbs that roaches may find tasty – which includes about anything.
- Use trash cans with tight-fitting lids to keep the roaches out and clean them VERY regularly.
- Block up any holes or cracks in baseboards, walls, cupboards, and around windows, doors and pipes with silicon sealant, putty or cement (remember, a gap of 1.5mm is more than enough for a roach to crawl through!).
- Try figuring out where they are coming from, you will discover that this is not all that easy. Roaches normally live in groups. Once you have spotted it, you can clean up the place and sprinkle [KillRoach™](#).
- Fix any dripping or leaky pipes and damp walls etc. Sprinkle some [KillRoach™](#) on the ceiling and the geyser!
- Don't leave dirty dishes in your sink or on your counters, close the door of your dish-washer and make sure that dirty kitchen-ware is cleaned soon after use.
- Store foods in airtight containers, or in the fridge – although roaches don't like too cold places, many have been noticed inside fridges, so make sure your door seals are intact.
- Roaches (or their 'eggs') can be brought into your home with second hand white goods, boxes and groceries.
- Get rid of clutter (old newspapers, magazines etc).
- Clean out cupboards, under, in and around appliances – roaches just love hiding in electrical kitchen appliances. These can be treated with [KillRoach™](#) as it is dry and will not create short circuits in electrical devices.
- Keep a vacuum cleaner handy. Vacuuming roaches is an easy way to make a dent in the population. Just be sure to take the vacuum cleaner bag outside afterwards.
- Roaches also love humid plant soil and water in pot saucers.
- Roaches travel through electricity ducts – as [KillRoach™](#) is a dry, non-combustible powder which can be used in, on or near electrical circuits, it may be used inside for instance mains switches.

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