

Are Pests Invading Your Space?

Questions you never thought to ask when hiring a pest control company

First, find out more about pests and the cost to eliminate them:

RODENTS

Between April 2020 and April 2022, the U.S. Census Bureau recorded over

14.5 million cases of **residential** rodent sightings



37% of **homeowners** have seen a rodent indoors

Visible **rat poop** is the earliest sign of a problem

Why you should eliminate rodents:

- Rodent infestation may cause contamination of food, and disease transmission directly through feces, urine or saliva, and indirectly through ticks, mites or fleas
- Chewing and gnawing can damage wires and structures damaging property.
- Rodent carcasses can contaminate rainwater tanks.

Average repair cost:

\$1,500 to \$15,000 or more depending on the extent of the damage

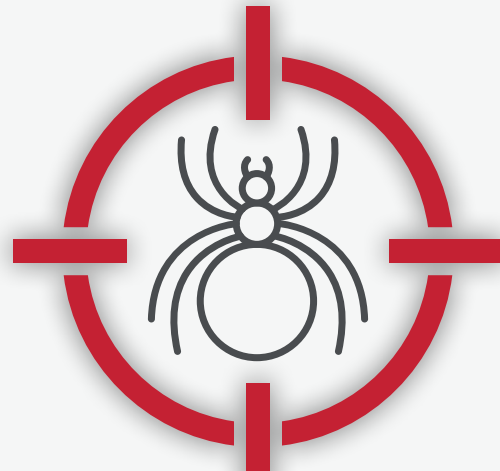
Average elimination cost:

\$200 – \$1000

SPIDERS

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Primary species known to be **dangerous** to humans are the Black Widow and Brown Recluse spiders



Signs of spider **infestation** include webs, egg sacs, and excess flying insects

Cobwebs are **not** dust, they are **spider webs**

Why you should eliminate spiders:

- They reproduce quickly. If you are seeing a few this month, next month it will be more.
- While house spiders are not out to bite humans, they will do so if threatened. This often happens when a spider is underneath the sheets of a bed, or in some other place where accidental contact is made. These bites will produce an itchy red welt.

Average repair cost:

\$0

No damage to structure

Average elimination cost:

\$150 – \$300

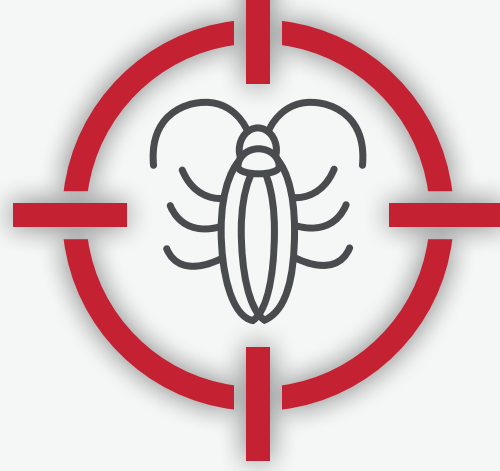
COCKROACHES

There are approximately

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different **types** of cockroach in the U.S.

The most **common** cockroach is the **German** cockroach



A cockroach **colony** can contain anywhere from a few roaches to **several**

100

Why you should eliminate cockroaches:

- Cockroaches can trigger asthma and allergies.
- They may also carry certain bacteria that can cause illnesses if left on food.
- Roaches bite humans, especially at night.

Average repair cost:

Cockroaches do not cause structural damage, but may cause damage related to sanitation.

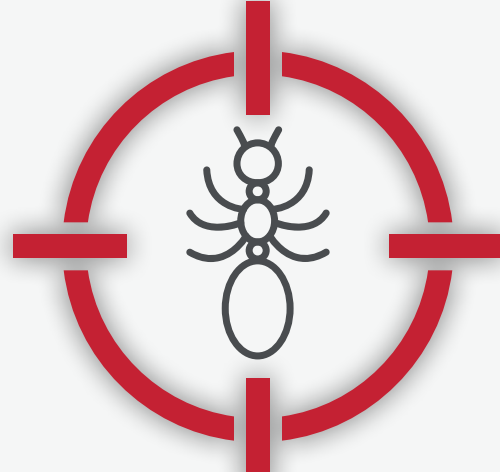
Average elimination cost:

\$113 – \$411

ANTS

50%

of U.S. **homeowners** will deal with an ant problem



Carpenter Ants **destroy** wood

Fire Ant colonies can have **more** than

200,000 members

Why you should eliminate ants:

- Ants are America's most prevalent pest and many sting or bite.
- Fire ant bites are the most painful since they release venom under your skin when they sting you.
- Some ants are known to carry diseases and should be dealt with at the first sign of infestation.
- Ants can build nests in hard-to-reach places, like inside walls or under foundations

Average repair cost:

\$6,000 – \$10,000 for Carpenter Ants

Average elimination cost:

\$113– \$411

TERMITES

In the U.S., a subterranean termite **colony** typically contains between

60,000

and

1 million

termites



Termites **build tunnels** over concrete to get to wood

Wood mulch around house foundation can attract them

Water/plumbing **leaks** attract termites

Why you should eliminate termites:

- While termites do not affect people, but they can be a sign of hidden moisture issues such as mold.
- Outward signs of termite damage include buckling wood, swollen floors and ceilings, and visible mazes within walls or furniture
- Termite infestations also can exude a scent similar to mildew or mold.

Average repair cost:

\$5,300

Average elimination cost:

\$481 – \$998

The 9 questions At Home Pros suggest for hiring pest services:

- 1 Are your technicians licensed, insured and bonded and do you run criminal background checks before hiring?
- 2 What is the frequency of service and how is it priced?
- 3 Do you have a specific plan for my home and types of pests?
- 4 What's the most common complaint your company gets and how do you deal with it?
- 5 Are there any potential adverse health effects associated with your treatments? How do you ensure children & pets will be safe?
- 6 Check online their online reviews. Check with friends and family to see who they use and if they are happy with the service they use.
- 7 Does your company guarantee their work? Are retreatments free if there is a problem?
- 8 Are you a member of a professional pest control association?
- 9 What is your track record on appointments and showing up on schedule or calling if you're behind?

RED FLAGS!

- Companies that sell door to door. (Always check identification.)
- Claims of a secret or proprietary chemicals. (Pesticides must be EPA approved.)
- High pressure tactics. ("You can only get this offer today!")

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