

7 WAYS TO KEEP PESTS OUT OF THE KITCHEN

You never know when residents will leave dirty dishes in the sink or mounds of trash in their trash bin. And it's frustrating when these bad habits attract unwanted pests and lead to issues in neighbouring units. Maintaining a clean and tidy environment is everyone's responsibility, especially when pests make your space their home – without paying the rent.

These pests have a keen sense of smell that allows them to pick up food odours undetectable to us:



ANTS

Once they find a source of food, ants leave a chemical scent trail for others to follow. So, just a couple ants can quickly turn into a marching army!

HOUSE FLIES

One of the filthiest pests, flies regurgitate when they land, contaminating surfaces as they fly from garbage and rotting material to kitchen counters and fresh food.



RODENTS

The last pest you want to see in the kitchen, rodents can squeeze through small openings and damage your property as they gnaw on building materials and electrical wire.

COCKROACHES

These sleuths are expert hiders. So, seeing one in the kitchen (especially during the day) could mean many more are scurrying through the walls waiting for a bedtime snack.



To help prevent regular calls and complaints, encourage your residents to stop pest activity in the first place – it'll only take them a few extra minutes. Share these simple steps for reducing pest "hot spots."



PUT FOOD AWAY and CLEAN DIRTY DISHES.

Even food that has been sitting out for just a few hours can attract pests.



WIPE DOWN COUNTERS and other surface areas in the kitchen daily.



CLEAN REFRIGERATORS

weekly and dispose of old food.



LINE ALL TRASH CANS and REMOVE TRASH REGULARLY.

What is trash to us could be a gourmet meal to a pest!



CLEAN ANY SPILLS

immediately, even if it's just water.

KEEP NON-PERISHABLES TIGHTLY SEALED,

especially sugar, flour and other items that may not close well in their original packaging.



REGULARLY VACUUM OR SWEEP

in the spaces next to refrigerators and in any cracks and crevices to clean crumbs that may attract pests. Vacuuming can also eliminate pest allergens and even pests themselves.



If your residents follow these simple steps, they can help keep pests far from your property. For help managing pests, call your local Orkin Canada branch today.

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