

# SPRING INTO ACTION

## PRACTICAL WAYS TO PREVENT WARM-WEATHER PESTS

With spring on the way, it's time to start thinking about all the pests that come with the season. Fresh blooms and sunshine are nice, but rodents and bugs can quickly ruin the fun by invading your home and causing major issues.



## SHUT THE DOOR ON PESTS

Nobody likes unwanted guests—especially not ones with tails, fur, wings or a frightening number of legs. That's why it's crucial to recognize the most common threats and take action to prevent them.

**Here are three pests you can expect to show up when the season begins:**



### SPIDERS

These eight-legged invaders can enter through the tiniest cracks and crevices. While most spiders are rather reclusive and not very aggressive, their presence indicates that other pests are nearby. You can most often find spiders setting up springtime shop in basements, crawlspaces or dry, warm areas near air vents and attics.



### ANTS

From the sidewalk to the laundry room, these innovative insects are able to build nests in all sorts of places. Potential hot spots for ant activity include the kitchen or pantry, protected places like wall voids or spaces under appliances, and warm or humid places near drains, pipes and wiring.



### FLIES

To keep flies from finding their way into your building, seal all cracks, gaps and holes in doors, windows and walls that offer flies a way inside. Keeping dumpsters far away from the building and creating positive airflow that pushes these tiny pests outside can also help prevent fly activity.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help ensure these pests don't disrupt your springtime serenity.

## CLEAN UP LOOSE FOOD ITEMS

Nothing attracts pests quite like a free meal. Check in your kitchen area, as well as trashcans and other garbage disposal units around your home, for any exposed food. Be sure to keep all the food in your pantry tightly sealed as well.



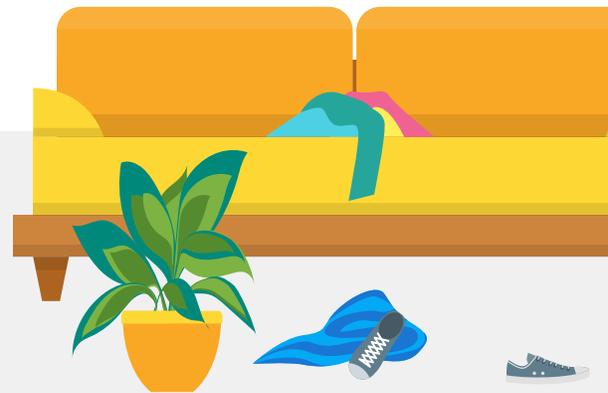
## ELIMINATE MOISTURE SOURCES

Now is the time to fix that leaky faucet. Any unchecked sources of moisture can offer the water pests need to thrive.



## REDUCE OVERALL CLUTTER

The fewer ready-made pest hiding spaces, the better. Various unused items lying around your home can conceal entry points and offer unintentional shelters for pests looking for a long-term stay. Tidy up before spring begins to make sure crawling critters have less places to get cozy.



## CALL IN THE PROS

Be 100% sure your home is fortified against pests this spring. Call your local Orkin Canada branch to learn more.

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