



Roaches, spiders, and rodents love seeking shelter in warm homes as temperatures drop, and **1 Stop Pest Solutions** can help you evict them. However, there are some preventative steps you can take to keep unwanted guests from showing up in the first place. Below, take a look at our pest-proofing checklist for homeowners.

### **Exterior**

Even the tiniest opening is enough to allow pests into your home, so seal them up.

- Repair or replace any door or window screens with holes or tears.
- Replace worn, cracked, or warped weatherstripping around windows.
- Caulk any cracks on the exterior of your home, especially around pipes and utility lines.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from your home and never store firewood within 20 feet of your home- it's asking for termites!
- Add door bottoms (or door sweeps) to exterior doors.
- Install a chimney cap or screen to keep the local wildlife from finding their way inside.

### **Interior**

- Repair any leaky pipes or other sources of moisture ASAP.
- As always, keep food contained to the kitchen and stored in airtight containers.
- Take the trash out frequently and use a trashcan with a lid.

Unfortunately, while these tips can make your home less attractive to pests, they are not foolproof. Roaches, spiders, mice, and other pests are skilled at infiltration, with roaches even fitting through spaces as small as 1/16th of an inch! If you see or hear signs of an infestation, you can be sure there are more unwanted guests that you're not seeing.

Use the next page as a checklist to help fortify your home or business against the unwanted pests.

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