

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PEST CONTROL SERVICE



Thank you for booking a pest control service with Flick. To assist with your upcoming service, here is a helpful checklist to help you prepare your home.

## INTERNAL PEST CONTROL PREPARATION

Internal treatment areas include skirting boards, inside roof void and get to wet areas in home.

- Lift loose items up off the floor e.g. clothing, toys
- Keep children/toddlers and babies away from treatment areas until dry
- Mop your floors the night before and refrain from mopping for a week after treatment.
- Clear kitchen benchtops, remove and seal open food products from the area.
- Cover birds and fish/reptile tanks before treatment.

## EXTERNAL PEST CONTROL PREPARATION

External treatment areas include under eaves, around windows, external walls and along the ground.

- Move loose items away from exterior wall. This includes: toys, bikes, hanging clothes, edible plants, pet water and food bowls etc.
- Remove clothing off clothes lines.
- Shut windows and doors.



## REMINDERS

- Please inform our staff when booking if is anyone pregnant or with respiratory sensitivities.
- Keep away all pets and children from treatment areas until dry.
- For internal webbing spider treatments, ventilate your home as per recommended time frame from technician on site.

## HELPFUL TIPS & TRICKS

- Maintain a clean environment and seal all open food sources.
- Keep your external walls and roof clear of vegetation.
- Regular pest control treatments and annual termite inspections of your home.
- Treat your pets for fleas and wash their bedding/blankets and toys regularly to prevent flea breeding.



# WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR PEST CONTROL SERVICE

If you've just had a pest control treatment or are looking to book a treatment soon, here's what you'll need to know after the services has been completed.

## DIFFERENT OUTCOMES FOR DIFFERENT PESTS

### Ants, Cockroaches, and Silverfish

As ants, cockroaches, and silverfish encounter the treatment, you may see an increase in pest activity. This is normal as the pests are being driven from their usual hiding places. Our technical pest team can reassure customers that this activity will reduce over several weeks if the treatment was applied properly and recommendations were properly followed by the customer.

### Rats and Mice

Rodent treatments may take a little longer. The full effects of a rodent treatment may take up to one month to be seen. Signs of rodent activity should lessen within 1 week and eventually cease after a few weeks.

### Spiders

Spiders are immediately affected by our treatment. Some spiders that may have recently wandered onto your property will not be eradicated immediately, and if still alive, are capable of biting people and pets. Please allow a few days to see the full effects of the treatment.

## CLEANING 'WAIT' PERIOD AFTER TREATMENT

Our technical pest team recommends waiting approximately 5-7 days before cleaning your home. However, if it is imperative that you clean within the waiting period, it is recommended to leave 10-15cm around any skirting boards in your home to avoid washing away any products. Exteriors of windows and doors (where treated for spiders) should be given 1 to 2 weeks before cleaning off the residues.

## DO I NEED A FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT?

As we are controlling and managing the pest problem, the increased pest activity will subside if you follow all recommendations. However, a follow-up treatment may be needed and it will be recommended by your technician on-site. For example, we generally recommend follow-up treatments for German cockroach infestations due to the pervasive nature of the pest.

If pest activity has not subsided after a few weeks, please contact your local branch.

