

A.R.T. News

ROACHES

Cockroaches are among the more persistent house pest in South Florida. In conjunction with a baiting system that your pest control company uses, you as a resident have three of the best options for ridding your home of these uninvited guests; planning, patience and persistence.

A resident can plan ahead of time to avoid the first infestation. Cockroaches are usually carried into the home by residents. Carriers can be in a cardboard box or any other container, which was stored in a roach infested area, such as a warehouse. Cockroach infestations can be avoided by unpacking any containers that may have been possibly contaminated in a garage or other areas where egg packets and cockroaches can be easily seen and killed. The use of insecticides inside the home should be limited and used only as a last resort.

If cockroaches do invade your home, patience is the key. The best approach to a cockroach infestation is a baiting system. The baiting system takes between 7 to 10 days to control the population. The resident can help this process by taking a few simple steps: clean all food areas daily, including garbage areas; do not use any household insecticides to kill the intruders (this will contaminate the bait); also, do not leave pet food exposed all of the time. It is extremely important that the resident eliminates all possible food sources for the cockroaches around the house.

Lastly, persistence. Resident must be persistent in their actions and follow through. Between residents and pest control techniques, planning and persistence, is the key to ridding a home of a cockroach infestation.

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