



F.A.Q.'s about Exopest cockroach Treatments in commercial premises

How will a cockroach treatment be carried out?

Usually our commercial sales representative has called and assessed the type of cockroach and areas they are harbouring. Advice on cleaning and sanitising areas prior to treatment will also be provided for you the client. Our technician will firstly reassess the property, checking around fridge motors, under benches, deep fryers, coffee machines, stoves, ovens, electrical appliances, crack and crevices. IGR Gels applied around electrical equipment, application of low toxic approved sprays within food premises around these harbourages. Exopest can then use both cockroach gels and perhaps cockroach monitors so we can assess areas where cockroaches are reappearing or being reintroduced.



When should the Cockroaches start dying?

Many die because of Exopest directly spraying on the day. Others may need to contact the treated areas. You may also see deformed cockroaches as the gel used is an Insect growth regulator which prevents cockroaches from moulting. This moulting process is required for cockroaches to grow and reach maturity, and therefore able to lay further egg sacs. Small nymphs may be seen after they have recently hatched.

What if I see cockroaches after Treatment?

This can be expected within the first few visits just use an aerosol to knock down those reappearing, if vast numbers appear Exopest may need to do a call out, although this may already be scheduled, with a follow up usually recommended when a bad infestation is diagnosed on initial inspection/quote.



What if I see cockroaches during the day?

This is usually either you have disturbed a harbourage, moved a box which had them in or you have a large infestation and they are forced to feed during the day, require a visit.

When do I call Exopest? *Allow 6 weeks for the initial infestation to reduce. In some cases, it maybe 3 or 4 weekly treatments to control large infestations. Regular visits (no further than 6 weeks apart) are needed to maintain cockroach control. Call and discuss circumstances, if found to be in indiscrete areas, it will be at Exopest discretion whether to return and retreat these areas.*

What should I expect?

A large reduction in cockroaches initially but usually will take up to 3-4 visits at least before main control is established. You may see smaller nymphs (baby cockroaches) as they hatch and start foraging

How often should I have treatments?

Good question. Most cockroach life cycles are from egg to adult in 6 weeks and this can be quicker in more suitable conditions. Unfortunately, most commercial kitchens have perfect conditions which include warmth from stove ovens hot water services and water or moisture from sinks and wash down areas. With this in mind most cockroach services should be done between 4-6 weeks as german cockroaches are able to excrete an egg sac before dying. This is insulated against chemicals and may not hatch for a week or two. Inside there can be 15-20 nymphs which in 4-6 weeks can be adults, then dropping their own egg sacs. You can see the constant threat.

Preventative Measures to Ensure Ongoing Control

Once you have employed a professional pest control company such as EXOPEST CONTROL to control German Cockroaches in your environment, there are certain things that you can do in order to get a faster, more long lasting result. We have used our professional equipment and insecticides to get to the places that you as a layman would not normally suspect cockroaches. Once we have commenced the service program there are three measures that you can do to assist with maintaining control.



1. Keep the Areas Where Cockroaches Have Been Found Scrupulously Clean.

This involves keeping the floor and other areas free of food scraps and grease. Washing up should not be just pressure cleaned as food scraps and grease is blown back and up behind equipment and appliances. It will be necessary to use a torch and check under fridges stoves ovens cookers etc and if necessary use a squeegee to hook out spills and scraps. Cardboard and paper are notorious for harbouring German Cockroaches better to store in plastic sealable containers.

2. Fill or block off any cracks and crevices that provide hiding areas for cockroaches.

This may be done with a caulking agent such as "No More Gaps." Dripping taps should have washers replaced as this may provide water or moisture that they cockroaches require. Drains to be cleaned regularly and loose or broken tiles replaced. Stainless splash backs may need to be installed.

3. One month to six weeks after treatment maintenance treatments should be done, even if no cockroaches are sighted at this stage.

Doing this will break their life cycle and hasten their demise assisting in continued control. Cockroaches can easily be re introduced through second hand equipment, appliances that are sent in for repairs, maintenance or deliveries. Remember that cockroach control relies upon a conscientious effort from both the pest control operator and the client. Success doesn't occur overnight but following these few instructions will get you very good results within one month of our treatment and reduces the likelihood of living and working with these unwanted guests in the future