A1 PEST CONTROL

Spring Pest Prevention Checklist

Simple steps to keep your home pest-free before spring arrives.

1 Seal entry points

- [ ] Check for gaps around windows, doors and vents, and seal any openings with caulk or weather stripping.
- [ ] Repair damaged window screens to stop insects getting in.
- [ ] Fit door sweeps on external doors to block rodents and crawling insects.
- [ ] Repair cracks in walls, foundations and skirting boards.
- [ ] Cover vents with fine mesh screens to keep insects out.

2 Keep your home clean

- [ ] Store food in airtight containers and do not leave pet food out.
- [ ] Throw away rubbish and out-of-date food often, using bins with tight-fitting lids.
- [ ] Deep clean kitchen surfaces, sinks and floors to remove crumbs and spills.
- [ ] Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight.
- [ ] Vacuum carpets, curtains and upholstery to remove dust, food particles and pest eggs.
- [ ] Declutter lofts, garages and sheds to cut down hiding places.
- [ ] Avoid cardboard boxes for storage, as pests can nest in them.

3 Manage outdoor areas

- [ ] Trim trees, bushes and plants away from your home so pests cannot use them as bridges.
- [ ] Remove standing water that attracts mosquitoes and other insects.
- [ ] Store firewood, compost and garden waste, such as fallen leaves, away from the house.
- [ ] Check garden furniture and outbuildings for early signs of nests.
- [ ] Clear gutters and drains to prevent damp conditions that attract pests.

4 Book inspections and professional pest control

- [ ] Book a pest control inspection to find potential risk areas.
- [ ] Arrange a routine treatment plan if you have a history of pest problems.
- [ ] Ask a professional for advice on humane and eco-friendly pest control methods.

5 Deal with damp and ventilation

- [ ] Use dehumidifiers in damp areas to reduce moisture.
- [ ] Fix leaking taps, pipes and roofs to remove water sources for pests.
- [ ] Improve ventilation in cellars, lofts and bathrooms to prevent mould and pests.

Ants, flies, wasps, moths, mice, rats, spiders, bed bugs and cockroaches all become more active as the weather warms up. Work through this list before spring arrives, and look again for early signs of pests through the season.

Spotted signs of pests? Call A1 Pest Control on 0800 059 0135

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