

# NEW HOMEOWNER'S PEST CONTROL CHECKLIST

## Step One

**Inspect these areas for cracks, gaps, and holes.**

- Foundation
- Roof (including eaves and vents)
- Interior and exterior walls
- Siding joints
- Gutters
- Doors (including garage door)
- Windows
- Screens
- Pipes and the area around pipes

## Step Two

**Check and prepare the interior of your home.**

- Deep clean before moving in.
- Check for appliance or plumbing leaks.
- Repair leaky faucets.
- Repair roof leaks.
- Repair any moisture-damaged wood.

## Step Three

**Check and prepare the exterior of your home.**

- Clean and unclog gutters.
- Gutters should send water away from home.
- Position sprinklers correctly.
- Remove any unnecessary debris from yard (includes material stacks like brick or wood).
- Don't stack or store anything near base of home (especially wood).

## Step Four

**Keep good habits inside and outside your home.**

- Keep good lawn care habits (regularly mow and trim trees/bushes).
- Don't let leaves pile up.
- Rake leaves away from base of home.
- Remove any standing water inside and outside.
- Keep food and drinks in sealed containers.
- Always clean spills and messes right away.
- Avoid leaving pet food/water out too long.
- Empty trash regularly.
- Only eat in designated rooms.
- Avoid clutter piling up (includes paper, laundry, dishes, and boxes).

## Step Five

**Consider hiring a pest control company.**

- They can provide treatment for active infestation's as well as routine visits to prevent pest activity.

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