

Pest-Proof Your Property

Prevent unwanted critters from infesting your property by taking the proper precautions. Share these tips with your janitorial/maintenance staff and residents for optimum bug- and rodent-free results!

At the end of each day, make sure that all uneaten food has been put away, dirty dishes have been cleaned, counters have been scrubbed, and containers or bags are completely sealed to erase any sign or smell of food that may attract pests into your building.



Check your roof for holes and loose trim or shingles, which will allow bats to make a home (and a mess!) in your attic.

Get rid of cardboard boxes and loose papers, which provide shelter for pests. For important documents, store them in airtight containers (this will also help to preserve them!).



Check for leaky roofs, pipes, and faucets. All pests need a water source to survive, so eliminating their supply will send them searching elsewhere.



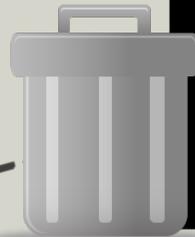
Ensure that your janitorial staff is sweeping, mopping, and/or vacuuming at least twice a week to get rid of any crumbs or spill residue, which will eliminate any remaining unnoticeable food sources.



Routinely check for and repair any cracks in your walls, doorways, windowsills, and under cabinets (especially in kitchens). These will be the primary entrances for pests.



Offer your residents a weekly trash "pick up" day where they can leave their bagged garbage outside of their door for your staff to remove and take to the dumpster.



Keep any bushes near your building trimmed and cared for. Critters love taking cover in cozy hiding places, and will have easy access to your entranceway.



Most bugs sneak in through doorways or opened windows. Consider installing screens to significantly decrease the number of pests entering your building.



Enforce that all recyclables be thoroughly rinsed out before entering the bin. Residue will attract bugs and rodents!



GREEN MAINTENANCE TIP:
Deter mice from entering your building by spraying peppermint or clove oil near the floor of all entrances. They hate the smell!

