

# HOME PEST INSPECTION CHECKLIST



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## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF PEST ACTIVITY

- |                                                  |                                              |                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visible bugs or rodents | <input type="checkbox"/> Termite tunnels     | <input type="checkbox"/> Unpleasant noises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pest droppings          | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of nesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Musty odors       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chew marks              | <input type="checkbox"/> Greasy rub marks    |                                            |

## CHECKING YOUR HOME FOR PEST ACTIVITY

### OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The roof       | <input type="checkbox"/> Window screens | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Vent covers    | <input type="checkbox"/> Deliveries |

### ATTIC

- |                                             |                                       |                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holes in the walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage bins | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility lines |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|

### KITCHEN

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|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behind the refrigerator | <input type="checkbox"/> Toe kicks | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior trash cans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinets                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pantry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinks               |

### BATHROOM

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sinks and drains | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower stalls | <input type="checkbox"/> Tub floors |
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### BEDROOMS AND LIVING ROOM

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceilings        | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Cracks in the wall      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture       | <input type="checkbox"/> Floors     | <input type="checkbox"/> Window screens and trim |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stacks of paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Closets    |                                                  |

### BASEMENT OR CRAWLSPACE

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Near the fuse box | <input type="checkbox"/> Around the tank water heater | <input type="checkbox"/> Behind the washer and dryer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In utility lines  |                                                       |                                                      |

### GARAGE

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car          | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle bins    | <input type="checkbox"/> Grill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard boxes |                                |

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## PEST PREVENTION: MAKING SURE YOUR HOME IS SECURE

### REDUCE STANDING WATER

- ☐ Inspect ceilings and around the windows
- ☐ Check your irrigation system
- ☐ Listen to the water heater
- ☐ Think about the quality of your HVAC
- ☐ Ventilate crawlspaces
- ☐ Repair your roof's flashing
- ☐ Dump standing water from buckets and pools

### MAINTAIN YOUR PLANTS

- ☐ Limit your use of mulch
- ☐ Trim shrubbery
- ☐ Protect your outdoor plants with wire
- ☐ Put bird feeders away from the house
- ☐ Use sterile soil indoors
- ☐ Dust your indoor houseplants
- ☐ Grow insect-repelling plants
- ☐ Mow the lawn frequently

### FILL IN THE GAPS AND REPAIR DAMAGE

- ☐ Repair your foundation
- ☐ Check for wood rot
- ☐ Repair the dryer vent outside
- ☐ Seal window screens
- ☐ Seal openings around the door
- ☐ Fill in gaps near pipes
- ☐ Repair cracks in the roof
- ☐ Fix the gaps in your siding
- ☐ Cover your chimney

### TAKE CARE OF FOOD AND WASTE

- ☐ Seal your food
- ☐ Put food on shelves
- ☐ Store pet food
- ☐ Clean up food immediately
- ☐ Get rid of outdoor debris
- ☐ Clean outside garbage cans
- ☐ Throw out your garbage daily
- ☐ Rinse recyclables

### CLEAN THE HOUSE

- ☐ Clean out the gutters
- ☐ Wash the dishes
- ☐ Clean the kitchen sink
- ☐ Wipe down hard-to-reach areas
- ☐ Declutter each room
- ☐ Deep clean the whole house
- ☐ Sweep the basement
- ☐ Clean the floors
- ☐ Clean the refrigerator
- ☐ Clean or replace the air filter