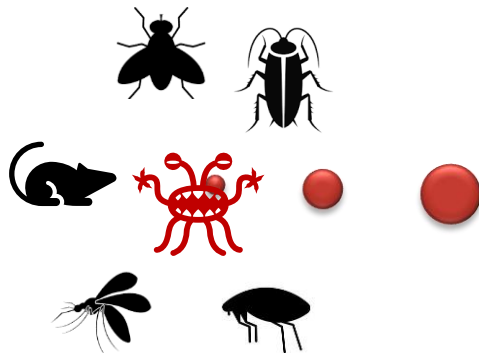












Pests can cause many problems, including health risks, property damage and environmental harm. That's why managing pests is important because it can help prevent the problems they cause. The key is to make your house and garden unattractive to pests. Although MRAC completes bi-annual termite inspections to check for any live termites or termites' damage, other pests are a tenant responsibility. If you find pests in your home, there are things you can do yourself to help keep them away. If you can't get rid of them, call MRAC, but please note that pest treatments are charged to the tenant.



<p>Remove food sources</p> 	<p>Food leftovers, crumbs on the floor and uncovered rubbish bins can be very attractive to insects and rodents. This can also attract flies which will lay their eggs on the rotting food. Keep your home clean and remove rubbish and debris.</p>
<p>Dispose of rubbish correctly</p> 	<p>Rubbish is a great source of food for rats, mice, flies, birds and other pests. Make sure to dispose of rubbish in a proper way and to keep the rubbish bins always closed. Do not throw uncovered meat in the bin.</p>
<p>Clean your house regularly</p> 	<p>It is important to keep your entire house clean, with no food leftovers, dirty dishes, garbage, debris, standing water or humidity. Focus on the kitchen and the backyard, as they usually have the most "pest magnets". Keep garden hoses tightly turned off, to not offer the pests a source of water. When cleaning your rooms, make sure to move the furniture and vacuum underneath it occasionally.</p>
<p>Store food correctly</p> 	<p>Store all food in sealed containers and do not leave any uncovered fruits and vegetables around the kitchen. As they get overly ripe, they will attract fruit flies and other bugs.</p>
<p>Keep your home dry</p>	<p>Humidity attracts termites and mosquitoes, but it can also cause other food items to decay quicker than usual, which will attract a variety of</p>

	<p>pests. Standing water is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, so make sure to regularly check your home for leaks.</p>
<p>Clear out drains regularly</p> 	<p>The drains in your sink can collect a lot of residue and food that will rot, which will become very attractive to cockroaches, flies and other pests. Clear out your drains on a regular basis. Not only you will prevent pests, but you will also keep your sink well running and smelling fresh.</p>
<p>Clear away clutter</p> 	<p>Besides food and water, all pests are also looking for a place to breed. A cluttered and messy home can make a great hiding spot for all sorts of pests. If your home is cluttered, it's time to act. Don't store unwanted items indefinitely. Clear out the clutter. If you must store items place them in boxes and containers that can be sealed. If everything is kept nice and clean, it will be less likely to attract pests.</p>
<p>Maintain your yard</p> 	<p>Many pests can make their nests in overgrown and messy yards, so make sure to pay close attention to this. Trim bushes and trees, clean any debris and store piles of wood away from the home.</p>