



INDIAN MEAL MOTH/PANTRY MOTH PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Phantom Pest Solutions LTD. will be treating your home for the control of Indian Meal Moths/Pantry Moths.

The preparations required are as follows:

1. Empty all food storage areas.

Remove all food items from kitchen cabinets, pantries, drawers, and countertops. This includes dry goods like grains, cereals, flour, pasta, rice, nuts, and any other pantry items. Dispose of any opened, infested, or suspect food products. Seal all remaining food in airtight containers to prevent reinfestation.

2. Check the seals of unopened food bags.

Even unopened bags of food may have been compromised by larvae. Carefully inspect all unopened food packaging, especially those with damaged or loose seals. Discard any suspect items, or store them in airtight containers.

3. Clean kitchen and pantry areas.

Thoroughly clean the inside of all cabinets, pantry shelves, drawers, countertops, and any other storage areas. Pay special attention to cracks, crevices, and corners where moth eggs or larvae may be hiding. Vacuum all surfaces to remove debris, eggs, or larvae.

4. Clean and organize food storage containers.

Clean all food storage containers, including canisters, jars, and lids, as eggs and larvae may hide inside them. Wipe down all surfaces and ensure that containers are sealed properly.

5. Moveable furniture and items.

Move any furniture or items located near food storage areas at least one foot away from walls and storage shelves to allow for proper treatment access.

6. Remove all clutter.

Remove any clutter, boxes, or items that may be obstructing the treated areas. This includes items in closets, cupboards, or near food storage zones.

7. Vacuum carpets and floors.

Vacuum all floors, especially around food storage areas. Pay attention to corners and under furniture. Change the vacuum bag or empty the vacuum bin afterward to ensure larvae and eggs are removed.

8. **All people and pets must vacate during the treatment.**

All individuals, pets, and animals must vacate the home for a minimum of 6-8 hours after the completion of the job. Children under two years of age, pregnant and nursing mothers, people with respiratory conditions, and pets should stay out of the treated areas for at least 24 hours.

9. **After the treatment:**

- Open the windows to ventilate your home.
- Make sure all food is kept in sealed, covered containers.
- Remove all garbage at least once a day.
- Wait 6-8 hours before re-entering the treated areas.
- Do not wipe down treated areas and avoid installing non-adhesive liners.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the effectiveness of the treatment. It is important to follow these instructions to ensure the successful elimination of Indian Meal Moths/Pantry Moths.

Aftercare Instructions:

1. **Do not vacuum, mop, sweep, or clean within 6 inches of the treated surfaces for at least 4 weeks.**

Avoid applying any over-the-counter pesticides, household cleaners, or other chemicals to the treated areas. This will interfere with the effectiveness of the treatment.

2. **Ensure proper ventilation and hygiene.**

Open windows to ventilate the treated areas, and keep food in sealed containers. Remove garbage daily to prevent re-infestation.

3. **Be patient; activity may occur after the treatment.**

It is normal to observe some wandering moths or larvae after treatment. This is because the larvae may continue to hatch and move through their lifecycle. Do not be alarmed; this behavior will decrease within a few days. You should see a significant reduction in activity within 72 hours.

4. **Residual protection up to 3 months.**

If aftercare instructions are followed, the residual pesticide will continue to work for up to 3 months. It is crucial to avoid disturbing the treated areas to ensure long-term protection from further infestation.

5. **Be proactive about cleanliness and storage.**

Regularly check your pantry and food storage areas for any new signs of activity. Consider implementing periodic vacuuming and cleaning as preventive measures.