

No one wants pests and termites in their home. Here are some fun facts about the uninvited guests who want a free place to stay!

Did you know?



Ant queens can lay up to **800 eggs** in one day.



There's evidence that cockroaches existed as far back as **320 million years ago.**

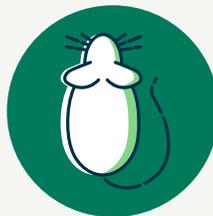
Mosquitoes like to eat at night and will fly up to **14 miles** for a meal.



Subterranean termite colonies can have up to **2 million members.**

They eat wood, wallpaper, plastics and fabric made from plants.

Most spiders have **8 eyes.** Some species have six or fewer eyes, but they always come in an even number.



Mice may be tiny, but their appetites are large! On average, mice eat between **15 and 20 times** a day. That's a lot of snacking!



Now that we're up to speed on pest knowledge, here are some tips for Mom and Dad for keeping them out of your home.

Dos and Dont's



DO: Seal up cracks. Termites can fit through cracks about the thickness of a credit card. Take a proactive approach to sealing up any cracks or openings you see around your house. You should also seal openings around doors and windows.



DON'T: Leave food uncovered or sitting out for long periods of time. It can attract flies who spread harmful bacteria. This applies to pet food, too!



DO: Ensure that your attic and crawl space have proper ventilation. This creates an environment unsuitable for cockroaches and other pests. It also improves the heating and cooling efficiency of the home.



DON'T: Try simple solutions, like sprinkling baby powder, to get rid of bed bugs. There's no evidence that this is effective, and the only proven solution is professional pest control.



DO: Maintain simple cleaning habits like taking out the trash, vacuuming, and washing dishes. Pests, like mice and mosquitoes, are attracted to water, so be sure to clean up spills and fix leaky faucets as soon as they occur.