



# PEST CONTROL

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## Tips for homeowners

*(these simple steps will help prevent pest infestations of all kinds)*

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- Use gutter extensions;  
This will wick moisture away from your foundation.
- In drier or drought years, pull off gutter extensions to allow the moisture to support the dirt around your foundation.
- Clean gutters.
- Every 2-3 years, pull out old mulch and replace.
- If your home or structure is brick, every 10 to 15 years invest in a mason to make minor repairs and keep moisture out.
- Always check caulking around doors/windows.
- Use steel wool to plug gaps between bricks, gaps, or pipes coming into your home.  
Doing this will keep out mice and other occasional pests.
- Keep grass, shrubs, trees, and ivy trimmed to reduce harborage areas where pests may nest
- Cleaning your gutters is so important. Checking them a couple times a year does several things. Wet wood is the cause of so many insect infestations. Keeping your gutters clean reduces harborage areas for many pests, including mosquitoes!