

PEST CONTROL CHECKLIST

Preventative Measures:

Secure Food Storage: Use airtight containers to store food.

Clean Environment: Regularly clean living and eating areas to deter pests.

Repair Cracks: Seal cracks and holes in structures to prevent pest entry.

Remove Standing Water: Eliminate water sources to deter mosquitoes and other water-borne pests.

Plant Pest-Repellent Plants: Like marigolds, lavender, and lemongrass around your area.

Physical Barriers:

Window and Door Screens: Install or repair screens to keep insects out.

Netting: Use netting around sleeping and eating areas.

Protective Clothing: Wear long sleeves, pants, and hats, especially during dawn and dusk.

Chemical Controls:

Insect Repellent: Use repellents on skin and clothing to deter insects.

Diatomaceous Earth: Spread around areas to deter crawling insects.

Pesticide Spray: Have a supply of general-purpose pesticide spray for various pests.

Trapping:

Mouse and Rat Traps: For trapping small rodents.

Insect Traps: Such as sticky traps and bug zappers.

Fly Traps: Commercial or homemade fly traps to control fly populations.

Biological Controls:

Beneficial Insects: Such as ladybugs and praying mantises that prey on harmful insects.

Chickens or Ducks: These birds can help control insect populations in and around your area.

Herbal and Natural Remedies:

Herbal Repellents: Create repellents using essential oils from pest-repellent plants.

Soap Spray: Mix soap with water for a simple spray against soft-bodied insects.

Tools:

Fly Swatter: Simple and effective for controlling flying insects.

Handheld Bug Zapper: Electric racket for swatting and zapping insects.

Education and Resources:

Pest Identification Guide: Know common pests and how to deal with them.

Basic Pest Control Manual: Understand basic control measures for common pests.

Safety Precautions:

Proper Handling: Handle pesticides and other chemicals safely, following manufacturer instructions.

Protective Gear: Use gloves, masks, and other protective gear when handling pesticides.

Record Keeping:

Pest Control Log: Maintain a log of pest issues and control measures taken.