

FREE GUIDE FROM SHIELDNEST

Home Pest Prevention Checklist

A room-by-room and yard checklist to seal entry points, fix moisture, and keep pests from coming back.



Know the pest, know the cost, and stay safe around kids and pets — then get matched, free, with licensed, certified pest control pros near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire.

Why prevention saves money

Most pests come back because the things that drew them in are still there — food, water, and a way inside. Fixing those is the cheapest pest control there is, and it makes any professional treatment last longer.

Kitchen and pantry

- Store food in sealed containers
- Clean up crumbs and spills right away
- Take out trash regularly and use a lidded bin
- Fix leaky faucets and dry the sink at night



Seal the entry points

- 1 Seal cracks in the foundation and around pipes.
- 2 Add weather-stripping and door sweeps.
- 3 Screen vents, chimneys, and windows.
- 4 Fill gaps where utility lines enter the wall.

Fix the moisture

- Repair leaks under sinks and around the water heater
- Clear gutters and direct water away from the foundation
- Ventilate damp basements and crawl spaces
- Empty anything outside that holds standing water (mosquitoes)



Yard and perimeter

- Keep firewood and mulch away from the walls
- Trim shrubs and branches touching the house
- Keep the lawn and leaf litter tidy
- Store outdoor trash and recycling sealed

When prevention is not enough

If you still see pests, get matched, free, with a licensed, certified pest control company near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire, and you confirm the kid- and pet-safety steps before any treatment. Start at shieldnest.com/get-matched.





Important

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