

FREE GUIDE FROM SHIELDNEST

# Pest Control Vetting Checklist

Every license, document, and question to clear before you hire a pest control company.



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.

## Before you let anyone treat

- Confirm they hold a current state pesticide-applicator license.
- Confirm the technician who comes is certified or supervised.
- Confirm they carry liability insurance.
- Verify the license yourself with your state's pesticide office.

## Documents and details to collect

- 1 A copy of the license number (and check it is active).
- 2 Proof of insurance.
- 3 A written treatment plan and scope.
- 4 The exact products to be used, and their safety labels.
- 5 A clear price and any guarantee in writing.



## Safety questions worth asking

- What products will you use, and are there lower-toxicity options?
- How long should kids and pets stay out of the treated area?
- Do I need to cover or move food, dishes, or pet bowls?
- Will you re-treat for free if the pest comes back within the plan?
- Is this a one-time visit or a recurring plan?

## Red flags — slow down

- No license or refusal to show it.
- Pressure to sign or pay a large amount on the spot.
- A promise to 'guarantee' total eradication forever.
- No written plan, price, or product list.
- Vague answers about kid- and pet-safety.



## Before treatment day

- 1 Confirm the price and plan in writing.
- 2 Clear and cover food, dishes, and pet items as advised.
- 3 Plan where kids and pets will be during and after.
- 4 Read the product safety labels yourself.





## Important

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