



CHAMACOS

Things You Can Do to Control Pests



- 1. KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN.** Clean dishes each night; at a minimum, scrape off excess food and rinse. Keep counters and floors clean; clean up spills and crumbs.



- 2. STORE FOOD IN TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINERS.** Put all food away in tightly sealed containers.



- 3. KEEP TRASH BINS CLOSED AND EMPTY OFTEN.** Cover or seal trash when it's indoors. Take out garbage, old newspapers, recycling regularly- put in covered containers, preferably away from the house.



- 4. REMOVE ANY SOURCES OF WATER.** Avoid standing liquids: fix pipe leaks, drain dishwasher at the end of the day. Don't leave pet food and water out in a bowl overnight.

**If you have to use home pesticides,
use the LEAST TOXIC PESTICIDES and
PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AND YOURSELF:**

1. STORE PESTICIDES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. Store pesticides in a clearly marked and locked area, out of the reach of children.



2. NEVER TRANSFER PESTICIDES TO CONTAINERS THAT CHILDREN MIGHT ASSOCIATE WITH FOOD OR DRINKS. Never put chemicals in unmarked containers or in food or drink containers.



3. USE BAITS AND GELS INSTEAD OF SPRAYS. Baits and gels are better to use than sprays because they are contained and don't get into dust and move around your home.



4. BEFORE USING A PESTICIDE, REMOVE CHILDREN, THEIR TOYS AND PETS FROM THE AREA. If you are using a spray pesticide then make sure children, their toys and any pets are not in the area.

5. DO NOT SPRAY PESTICIDES IN CLOSED AREAS. Make sure to open all the windows and doors in the area that you are spraying.



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