WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

Cockroach species commonly found in the UK are: the Oriental Cockroach (Blatta Orientalis), German Cockroach (Blattella germanica), Brown – Blanded Cockroach (Supella longipalpa), American Coackroach (Periplaneta americana) and Austrailian Cockroach (Periplaneta australasiae).

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Cockroaches are only active at night, during the daytime they spend most of their time in hiding places around the house grouped together. They are commonly found around areas such as sinks, drains, the backs of cookers, refrigerators and cupboards. Some species of cockroach can survive outside in Britain.

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

Cockroaches feed on a variety of organic matter, including faeces and other cockroaches. They can survive for several months without food and a number of weeks without water.

DISEASE TRANSMISSION

Cockroaches can spread disease and bacteria as they move from filth to food indiscriminately. This can contaminate food and does transmit the following diseases to humans: Salmonella, Cholera, Typhoid, Dysentry, Hepatitis.

CONTROL MEASURES

The development of cockroaches is affected by food quality, humidity and temperature. Good hygiene and cleaning routines are essential to deny food sources and hiding places. They can be difficult to remove and assessment of the species type and location of the infestation is vitally important. Professional assistance is recommended for the treatment of cockroach infestations, involving the use of the specialist baits and/or insecticidal sprays.

Please remember when using insecticides ALWAYS follow the instructions on the label.

Fenland District Council does not offer treatment for Cockroaches

For further advice please contact Environmental Health on 01354 654321 or email envhealth@fenland.gov.uk