

Midnight Raiders: Cockroach Invaders

Cockroaches love living with people. Homes give them lots of food and cozy spaces to rest and breed. But no one wants cockroaches in their home. They smell bad. They run all over at night. They can cause allergies, too.

To get rid of roaches, think like a roach. What would make you leave a cozy human home?

See the Roach Prevention Activity Web Site for Kids at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/kids/roaches/english/>



Tips

Get Rid of Roaches

Check things to do:

- Fix leaky pipes and faucets. (Cockroaches need water.)
- Take out the garbage every day.
- Keep food in closed containers.
- Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight.
- Wash food from cans before recycling.
- Plug up cracks and holes. Young roaches can squeeze through a crack as thin as a dime.
- Clear out warm, dark places so roaches can't hide.

Cockroach Menu

What's yummy to a roach? Search for the hidden words to find out. Then make sure the roaches won't get to these goodies in your home!

V R N U J Y Q S P C G D J H H J R Z T
 F I N G E R N A I L C L I P P I N G S
 P M B T S J H W G U G D U Y D R R I Y
 Z G E V K B S T D I K I G Z O G V B O
 C Z S G V O O P I Q V P Z I C R G A W
 Q W X L V S D O E C L E H R W E E M W
 H T H U B E D E K A B V Y W I A C I G
 Y A G E I Q Z Y J B N H O M P S R K L
 U X U O W I Q V L I I U L D L E S M C
 S R E N A C S O A P M N T I F I K U C
 Q C X N D F Y T C K X Z D B L M P N R
 U L L P S C W K H X Q U H I U G C H U
 O S P O L X O B C Y U O J W N T X Q M
 U W P E U V W M G F N N W E C G T K B
 Z H U A P E T F O O D P F M L F S E S
 P Q D O R M M Y D B A Z X F R H P Y R

Word Bank: peanut butter; fingernail clippings; crumbs; pet food; glue; bookbindings; grease; soap

- Roaches scatter faster than you can blink your eye. Their waxy coat lets them flatten, and they easily slip through tiny cracks and holes.
- Cockroaches can cause asthma in many kids. The skins cockroaches shed when they grow cause the allergies. These skins float around in homes.



Nasty! When they eat, cockroaches barf a little bit. They also leave poop. These smelly things mark the spot so the roaches can find food later.

Frogs, lizards, birds, and mice think cockroaches make tasty treats!