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Cockroach Treatment Preparation Checklist

Proper preparation is essential to achieving a successful cockroach treatment. By following these steps before your pest control appointment, you'll help ensure maximum effectiveness and long-lasting results.

1. Kitchen and Food Storage

- Clean and declutter all kitchen surfaces and floors, paying special attention to the areas under and behind appliances (refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave).
- **Remove** small kitchen appliances (toasters, coffee makers) from countertops and store them in cabinets or cover them securely.
- **Empty cabinets and drawers** where cockroaches might hide, especially around the sink or any high-moisture areas. Place items in sealed plastic bins or bags temporarily.

2. Bathroom and Other Moist Areas

- Repair leaks in sinks, tubs, and toilets, as cockroaches are attracted to moisture.
- **Declutter** countertops, drawers, and under-sink cabinets to allow access for treatment.
- Keep drains closed where possible and store any toiletries in sealed containers or bins.

3. General Housekeeping

- Vacuum and sweep all floors, focusing on corners, cracks, crevices, and baseboards. Dispose of the vacuum bag or empty the canister in an outdoor trash bin.
- **Remove clutter** such as stacks of newspapers, magazines, and boxes where cockroaches can hide.
- Empty trash cans and ensure they have tight-fitting lids.

4. Access for the Technician

- **Pull furniture and appliances** away from walls, especially in the kitchen and bathrooms, to allow the technician to treat baseboards and hidden areas.
- Clear under sinks, inside cabinets, and around utility closets to provide full access.
- Unlock or open all areas where cockroaches may hide.

5. During & After Treatment

- Follow the **re-entry guidelines** provided by your pest control technician regarding how long to stay out of the treated area.
- **Monitor activity** in the weeks following treatment. It is normal to see some roaches as they come into contact with the residual products.

By completing these preparation steps, you'll help the treatment work effectively and make it easier for our technicians to eliminate cockroaches from your home. If you have any questions about preparing for your appointment or about the treatment process, please contact us. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to helping you achieve a roach-free environment!