

Stored Product Pests - Typical First Strikes by Housekeeping & Maintenance

1. Routinely and thoroughly clean the pantry and all other storage areas with Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint.* Include regular inspections with a flashlight.
2. Purchase insect-free products. Inspect them all before you store them away. Caulk all cracks and/or crevices.
3. All out dated, broken containers, torn sacks and spilled foodstuffs should be removed promptly.
4. Stored animal feed should be stored away (isolated) from cereal products and dried fruits. All foods need to be stored in tightly sealed containers. Spot treat as needed with Not Nice to Bugs.
5. Vacuum and/or clean up all crumbs and spills promptly. Remember to clean out the toasters. Routinely clean the entire area with (1 oz. per 1 gal. water) Safe Solutions, Inc. Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint. Do not forget the corners and cracks and crevices. Lightly dust with food-grade DE.
6. Store all food stuffs in insect-proof containers below 50° F. and on pallets 18" away from the wall.
7. Dispose of all out of date and/or infested food stuffs. Lightly sprinkle baking soda or Safe Solutions, Inc. food-grade DE. Caulk all cracks and crevices.
8. Practice first in first out inventory control. Supplies should be used as quickly as possible.
9. Install and properly maintain air conditioners, fans and a dehumidifier.
10. Install some pheromone traps or pantry pest traps or at least duct tape (sticky-side up).
11. Steam clean and/or lightly dust with food-grade DE per the label.
12. Fumigate with carbon dioxide. Remember, most pantry pests will only go 4" into the grain.
13. You can mix a few pounds of Safe Solutions, Inc. food-grade diatomaceous earth in a ton of grain or flour as an anti-caking agent. This will also prevent explosion, act as a fire retardant, help keep the product fresh for years and will destroy any insect pests.
14. You can sometimes catch moths by leaving one light on in the kitchen/pantry over some soapy water. Turn off all of the other lights so you can attract the moths from their hiding places.
15. **If you still have stored product pests, read the rest of the chapter.**

The real problem is not the “pests” but the poisons used to “control” them!

Need more data? See http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/issues/fqpa_wfmsummary.html.

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