

ORTHO[®] HOME DEFENSE[™] MAX

SEASONAL PEST PREVENTION CHECKLIST



As the temps change, so can your pest problems. Fortunately, our handy seasonal checklists help you prevent problems before they start.

YEAR-ROUND PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS

Already have pests? Ortho[®] products can help control them.

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SPRING

As the cold winter temps subside, many pests come out of hibernation or hatch. Common spring pests include:

Ants
Roaches
Termites
Silverfish

PREPARE FOR SPRING PESTS

Perform these tasks in late winter:

- Clean around the fridge, stove and dishwasher to remove food crumbs. Also wipe up all kitchen counters and baseboards.
- Clean the pantry. Store opened food in tightly sealed containers and don't store food on the floor.
- Rinse out cans that contained soda or food before discarding.
- Remove rotted trees, shrubs or branches from around the house.
- If the humidity is high inside your home, consider using a dehumidifier.
- Treat existing pest problems with Ortho[®] [mouse & rat products](#) or [bug products](#).

SUMMER

The warmth of summer offers perfect conditions for many pests to thrive. Common summer pests include:

Mosquitoes Fleas
Moths Ticks
Crickets Wasps, Hornets &
Earwigs Yellow Jackets

PREPARE FOR SUMMER PESTS

Perform these tasks in late spring:

- Repair holes in window and door screens.
- Eliminate outdoor standing water and refresh bird baths weekly.
- Fix leaks around sinks, tubs, showers, tiles, pipes and roofs.
- Clean out gutters and be sure that rain spouts direct water away from the home foundation.
- Store clothing made of natural fibers in plastic bags or storage bins.
- Check pets and their beds for fleas and ticks. Wash if necessary.
- Treat existing pest problems with Ortho[®] [mouse & rat products](#) or [bug products](#).

FALL

As the temps start to drop, pests that can't tolerate cold start looking for shelter. Common fall pests include:

Spiders
Mice
Rats

PREPARE FOR FALL PESTS

Perform these tasks in late summer:

- Clear out clutter in the garage, basement, attic and other storage areas to eliminate hiding places.
- Inspect your home for entry points. Seal all cracks, crevices and gaps where utilities enter the house with sturdy metal screen. Repair broken windows, damaged sills and siding and foundation cracks. Trim shrubs and bushes off the ground and away from home foundation.
- Elevate and stack firewood away from the house
- Cover trash cans with snug, metal lids.
- Store pet food, lawn seed and bulbs in metal or glass containers with lids.
- Pick up fallen fruit from around fruit trees.
- Treat existing pest problems with Ortho[®] [mouse & rat products](#) or [bug products](#).

WINTER

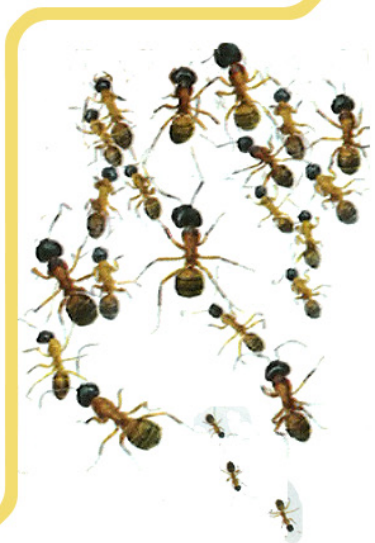
During the winter, some pests need the warmth and safety of your house for survival. Common winter pests include:

Mice
Rats

PREPARE FOR WINTER PESTS

Perform these tasks in late fall:

- When finished with holiday decorations, store in plastic bins with lids.
- Treat existing pest problems with Ortho[®] [mouse & rat products](#) or [bug products](#).



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