

Step By Step Insecticide Application Guide

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Mix insecticide according to the instructions on the label

[\(I purchase professional insecticides here\)](#)

It is important to follow the instructions listed on the product label. Not following these instructions could cause you or others harm. However, these products used properly are safe to use around humans and animals.

1. Fill a one gallon sprayer to the halfway mark with water.



2. Follow insecticide mixing instructions exactly according to the product label.
3. Squeeze insecticide bottle until the measuring cup has the amount recommended on the label.
4. Pour insecticide into sprayer.
5. Fill sprayer up but leave a little room at the top for mixing purposes.
6. Tighten sprayer lid back on sprayer.
7. Shake sprayer until insecticide is thoroughly mixed.
8. Pump sprayer a few times.

Treat around outside doors and window seals

99% of all insects enter the house from the outside. So, establishing a good perimeter of insecticide around your house will create a barrier that insects can't cross. Of course, this all starts with entry ways and windows.

1. Set spray nozzle to a wide spray pattern
2. Spray outside door barriers.



3. Spray outside window seals



Treat around outside perimeter of house

1. Walk around perimeter of house and spray 2 foot up on wall and 2 foot width on the



ground in a continuous motion to create solid barrier.

2. Spray insecticide around air conditioning lines and wires that enter the home.



3. It is recommended to cut shrubs at least 1 foot away from house so that roaches and ants can't crawl across the treated ground to reach the house.



4. It is also recommended that you pull mulch and or leaves at least 6 inches away from house to keep the ground dry. Insects are attracted to moist, damp places. Replace old mulch to keep it from composting near next to house.



Spray garage threshold thoroughly

1. Your garage door is a potential entry point for insects. Create a wide barrier across the garage opening with your insecticide.



2. Spray around the base of the garage on the inside.



Treat doors and window seals inside home

To complete a good barrier of protection, you have to spray around the inside of your home.



Windows and doors are obvious places for insects to enter, so special attention to these areas are important.

1. Don't spray all over the house and floors.
2. Spray only the areas where insects like to hide like cracks and crevices.
3. Like outside the house, you need to spray the doors to complete the entry barrier.
4. Treat around the interior window seals.

Treat under and around appliances



Ants and roaches love these areas because it is a potential source of food. Besides spraying these areas with insecticide, you should also eliminate as much food sources as possible that might be laying around.

A couple of ways to do this is to store food in proper insect proof food containers and keep these areas clean.

1. Spray under kitchen stoves (range).
2. Spray under and around refrigerator
3. Spray under dishwasher

Treat under and behind Washer and Dryer

Utility rooms are vulnerable areas because of water and drains. Any place where water enters the home is a potential entry point. Proper treatment can eliminate access.

1. Spray under and behind the washer and dryer
2. Spray around water supply lines.



lines

Treat under sinks



Another water area that should be treated properly is under every sink.

1. Spray insecticide a long perimeter inside base cabinet.
2. Spray insecticide around water supply lines.
3. Spray around the drain connections.

Treat behind toilets



Toilets and tubs are common areas roaches like to stay because bathrooms have a lot of moisture.

1. Spray insecticide around the back of toilet and base boards.
2. Pull back the water supply line cover and spray insecticide around the opening coming through your bathroom wall.
- 3.

Safety

It is important that you use these products safely by following the mixing and spraying instructions accordingly.

Spraying these insecticides are safe for children and animals as long as you follow instructions. The best practice is to have your children and animals outside of the home while you are treating.

Once the treated area has had time to dry, it is safe for your children and animals to come back inside the house.

It might be a good idea for you to wear safety glasses and a mask rated for chemicals to be safe. Although I have never seen the professionals use them, it's better to err on the side of safety.

Where to buy professional pest control products.

Now that you've learned how and where to treat your house, let's take a look at where you can buy do it yourself pest control supplies. You will also learn a very effective combination of products that should eradicate most roach problems you might experience.

The do it yourself pest control supplier I use is DoMyOwn.com or Solutions Pest & Lawn. They both have a wide variety of professional strength pest control products that work and they have free shipping to boot.

Salutations

I hope that you have found this step by step guide on how to do your own pest control helpful. I want to thank you for choosing The Landlord Fix for your information source of choice when it comes to your “Do it yourself” projects.

If you have any questions, please contact us here at the Landlord Fix by clicking on “[Contact](#)”

Best of Success in all your “do it yourself” endeavors.

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