

# American Cockroach



## Appearance:

Up to 2" long; largest of the house-infesting cockroaches. Reddish brown, with a yellowish figure-8 pattern on the back of the head.

## Habitat:

American cockroaches are commonly found in food preparation areas and warm, damp places such as sewers and basements, particularly around pipes and drains. They are very aggressive, making roach control difficult, and are more likely to be seen in daytime and outdoors than other species. They are most active when the temperature is 70 degrees or higher, although they can survive lower temperatures.

## Diet

As a scavenger; American cockroaches eats almost anything. Like all cockroaches, it is omnivorous and will eat virtually anything people will and many things we won't.

## Solutions:

**What you can do:** Cockroaches pose serious health risks to your family or business. Good sanitation and habitat reduction is the key to effective American cockroach control.

**Professional Solution:** Also important are vacuuming and surveillance, a professional baiting program, and careful sealing of cracks to help reduce or eliminate a cockroach population. Because cockroaches are nocturnal and experts at hiding, successful roach control requires special equipment, materials and expertise.



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