

# Carpet Beetle Larvae



## **Appearance:**

Tan with tiny black, brown and white scales; round and small, up to 1/4-inch.

## **Habitat:**

Outdoors, carpet beetles live in birds' nests and animal dens where they can find animal hair and feather on which to feed. Indoors, they feed on natural fiber fabrics such as wool and silk. They may also be found living under carpets and rugs where hair or dead insects have accumulated. They can actually digest human or animal hair. Although not dangerous from a health standpoint, they can substantially damage personal belongings.

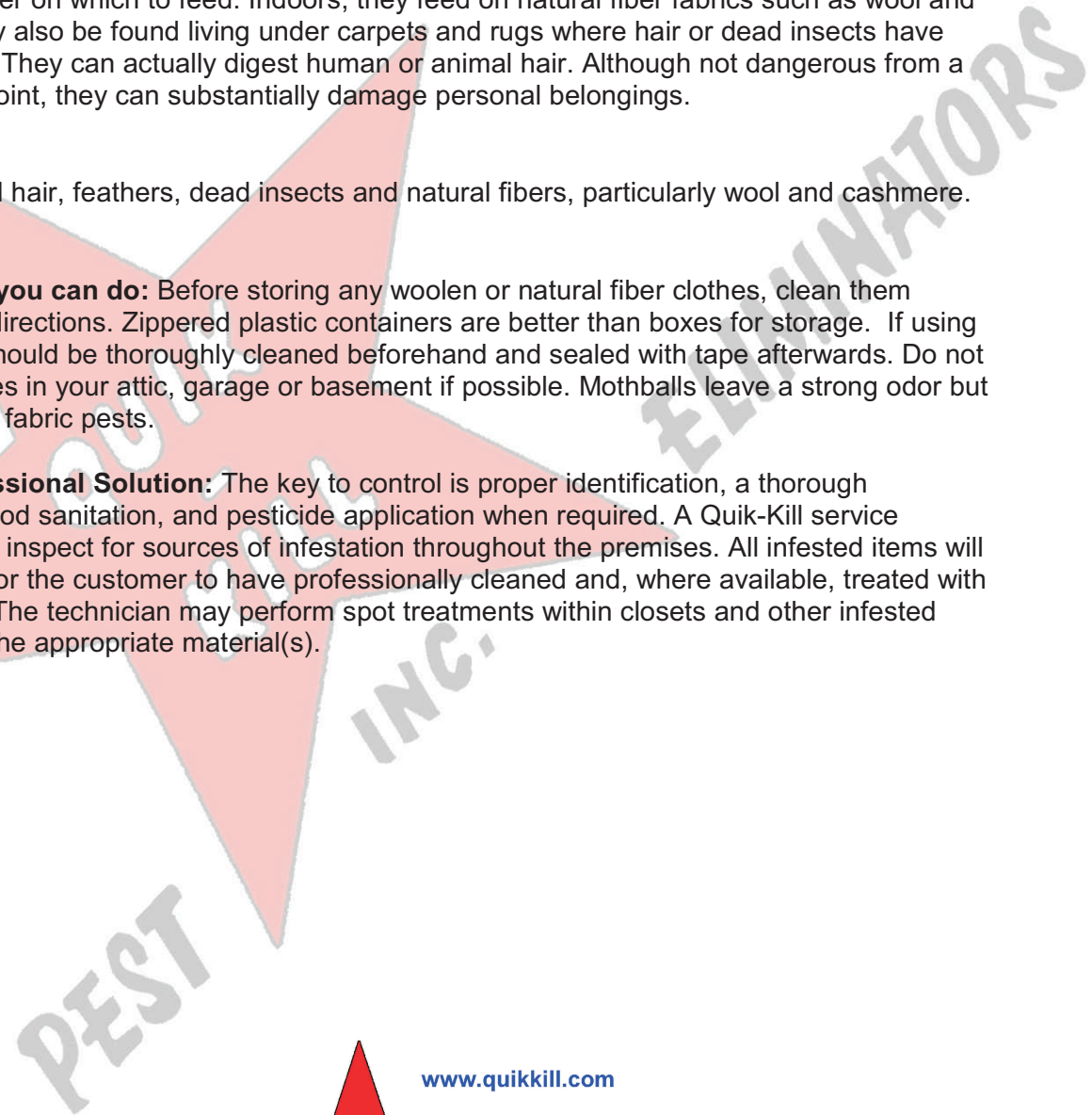
## **Diet:**

Animal hair, feathers, dead insects and natural fibers, particularly wool and cashmere.

## **Solutions:**

**What you can do:** Before storing any woolen or natural fiber clothes, clean them according to directions. Zippered plastic containers are better than boxes for storage. If using boxes, they should be thoroughly cleaned beforehand and sealed with tape afterwards. Do not store the boxes in your attic, garage or basement if possible. Mothballs leave a strong odor but will help deter fabric pests.

**Professional Solution:** The key to control is proper identification, a thorough inspection, good sanitation, and pesticide application when required. A Quik-Kill service technician will inspect for sources of infestation throughout the premises. All infested items will be identified for the customer to have professionally cleaned and, where available, treated with a protectant. The technician may perform spot treatments within closets and other infested rooms using the appropriate material(s).



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