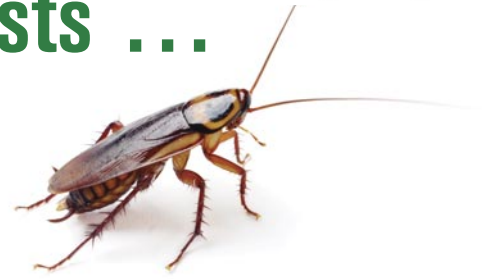


Pests, pests, and more pests ...

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Professional property managers recognize that working with a knowledgeable, experienced, and qualified pest management company is necessary to prevent pests from damaging their property, along with ensuring the residents they serve, can enjoy their homes comfortably.

Dealing with pests in an apartment unit is not all that different from preparing a home for treatment. However, managing cockroaches, bed bugs, mice, and other pests in a multi-family dwelling becomes all the more urgent due to a simple fact: Pests can easily spread from one unit to another.

When Property Managers build an open and trusting relationship with residents, it will ensure that pest activity is reported at first sight, and a pest management plan can be initiated quickly. In addition to unit activity, residents are advised to report sightings of pest activ-

ity in hallways, garbage chutes, parking garages, or the common areas of the building. It is just as important, that the Pest Control Technician works collaboratively with the Property Manager when scheduling access, and good communication between the Technician and tenant helps determine the best treatment options.

The treatment program will vary depending on the type of dwelling, the areas where pest activity has been detected, followed by an in-depth assessment of the severity of the infestation.

THE PLAN

The quality of the treatment preparation that a tenant provides as well as the unit sanitation level is directly correlated to the results of a pesticide application. Residents need detailed and easy-to-understand preparation instructions to help guide the process. Residents must

be given vital information regarding the types of chemicals that will be used, the government registration numbers for the pesticides, how long they may be required to leave the unit, and in some cases, there may be instructions needed for post-treatment activities.

Residents should be advised that preparing for treatment should start immediately after reporting the activity, as this time can be used to declutter a space, purge unwanted items, deep clean the unit, and remove debris. Planning and preparing well ahead of the treatment has its advantages, as a good plan of action will reduce unnecessary stress or hardship throughout the treatment process.

Keeping a unit pest-free is a fairly simple process, once the extermination of pests has been completed. Tenants are encouraged to keep units clean, tidy, and free of clutter, dispose of trash daily, keep the sink clear of any dirty dishes, and be mindful of what is being brought into the unit. It is this type of daily basic cleaning schedule that will help to limit any pest infestations.

The experts at Apollo Pest Management take pride in working in tandem with all members of the community in supporting safe and healthy environments.

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