

## Cockroaches



There are two species of cockroach most commonly found in the UK. These are the German and Oriental Cockroach. The German species is light brown in colour and 12-15mm in length. The females carry their egg sack to their rear. Oriental cockroaches are black and larger at around 18-29mm in length. They deposit their egg sacks in cracks and crevices where food is available. Both species are very fast, aided by their long slender legs and they have long whip like antennae.

Cockroaches like warm, humid and dark conditions due to them being nocturnal. Domestic homes are a perfect place for them to shelter. They will utilise areas such as fridge motors, sinks and drains and at the back of cupboards.

Cockroaches have an unpleasant odour, and the numbers increase quickly before they can be noticed. They are harmful as they contaminate food and food prepare areas when moving across them and spreading bacteria from their feet caused by them walking on their excrement and decaying matter. If you are concerned, you have a cockroach infestation you should contact a Pest Control Contractor to survey and apply a treatment plan to target the insects.