

PEST MAPPING

The first step in a pest management program for your home is learning where the pests are and what kind of pests you have. A **Pest Map** is one way of getting this information.

Draw a simple map of each room in your house. Use this pest map to show where you find living and dead pests in your home, where pests are getting into your home, and what kind of pests they are – ants, cockroaches, flies, mice. There are several ways to learn this information.

- a. Sit in each room and look. Mark on your pest map for each room where you see pests, and what kinds of pests they are.
- b. Use a flashlight and mirror to peek behind and under cabinets, furniture and appliances, and in closets for pests to make sure that you know everywhere they can be found.
- c. To find the hiding places of some pests, it is best to quietly enter a dark room and watch where they run when you turn on the lights.
- d. Place “sticky traps” near any evidence of insect pests. Mark these spots on your pest map, write the date on traps, and check the traps weekly. Record the number and types of insects on your pest map.



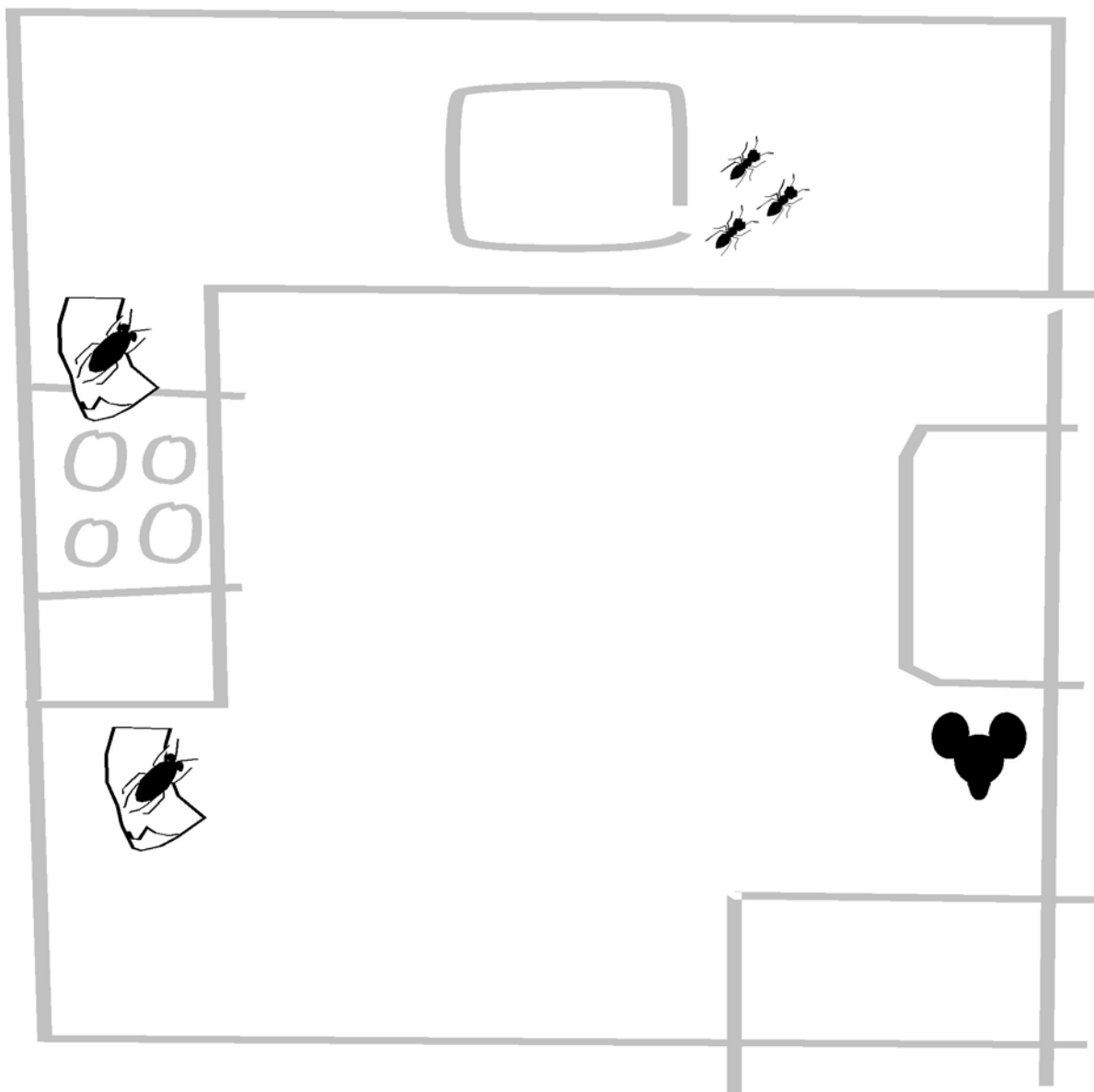
Remember to check every room in your house.

Kitchen: Look under and behind sinks, stoves, and refrigerators.

Bathroom: Look around tub, shower, sinks, toilet and pipes.

Bedrooms and living rooms: Look under beds, sofas, and chairs, and under cushions. Check desks, clocks, radios, televisions – anyplace that is warm and dark.

This check up will reveal the “hot spots.” These are places of greatest pest activity and you can focus your efforts on these spots. These are places to eliminate food and water, fill holes and cracks, use baits and traps.



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