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## The Fly



**House Fly**

**The weather is warming up and as if from no where the flies appear.**

**Flies will pitch and feed on just about anything including faeces to your lunch !**

**They spread disease and are a generally a nuisance.**

**Cluster flies have a longer body than your normal fly and as the name suggests they congregate in large numbers, usually found in corners and windows.**



**Cluster Fly**

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## Cockroaches

**There are four main types in the NZ. Two are bush types the Native and the Gisborne. These mainly live outside, and come inside when the weather is cold. The other two are the German and American. These types both prefer warm areas, such as fridge motors, hot water cylinders etc.**

**Cockroaches generally move around and feed at night, however if populations increase they will be seen in the day. When feeding, roaches will walk, spit and defecate on their food.**

**Cockroaches can grow from eggs to adults in 32 days under good conditions and produce egg sacks containing up to 40 eggs.**

**Cockroaches have been found to carry many bacteria and viruses causing asthma, tuberculosis, cholera, leprosy, dysentery, and typhoid, as well as over 40 other bacteria (like salmonella) or viruses that can cause disease.**

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## Rodents



### RATS

**Rats are often seen during the cold months as they like our living conditions – warmth and plenty of food. They can cause major destruction through chewing of just about anything including electrical wiring but carry many diseases, fleas and urinate and defecate over everything.**

### MICE

**Just like rats mice carry disease, are rapid breeders and can enter your home through extremely small holes / cracks**

QCM will assess the infestation, discuss the options with you and treat appropriately for your situation

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## Bed Bug



Bed bugs are increasingly becoming a problem both commercial and residentially. Bed bugs are small reddish brown wingless insects that feed solely upon the blood of warm-blooded animals.

Hatchling bed bugs are the size of a poppy seed, and adults are about 1/2 cm in length. In shape they are a flat oval.

A pest control treatment is the only way to get rid of Bed Bugs. It usually takes 2-4 treatments.

They are found usually on a bed or bedroom area. They hide in the folds and creases of the mattress and leave blood stains or smears on bedding, walls, curtains. If untreated they will infest areas behind loose wallpaper, pictures, window and door frames, skirting boards and cracks in plaster.

Bed bugs bite and commonly this happens at night. They leave a bite the size of a flea bite and can be large red inflamed oval or oblong spot accompanied by severe itching, which is caused from an allergic reaction to their saliva.





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## Fleas

Fleas are a common pest that infest our homes and attack us and our pets,.

Fleas are a parasite and must have a host to survive. Adults can survive without food for two months to a year. Their hatching period is 14 days.

Their bites cause a red raised spot that cause itching and have a dark red spot in the middle. They can last to up to two weeks after the original bite. Bites are commonly found on the ankles but can be found on any part of your body.

Once an infestation of fleas is detected in your home, it is imperative that the animals are treated with a professional product from the vet as well as your home.

Without doing one of these treatments in conjunction with each other it is nearly impossible to be rid of infestation.

**QPM we use an added product to our treatment that will kill the flea larvae as well as the adults, so breaking the life cycle.**

**Bombs will only kill the adults !!**

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## Ants

Ants are found all over the world and live in colonies. They have a very social and sophisticated in their behavior.

Beware if you see a lone ant in your home it will be a scout and out looking for food, once found it will tell hundreds of others and then the invasion begins ! Ants give off a strong odor when in large numbers.

They like a variety of food types including sweet and proteins.

Stone and bark gardens are a perfect nesting sites as well as paving stones.

There are a number of ways for treating ants and targeting the nest is the only way to exterminate them. All nests need to be treated as well as surrounding areas as others will move in.



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## Wasps

### German Wasp

**There are several different types of wasps found in NZ but the German is the one most often seen around the home. They nest in roof spaces or holes in banks.**

**They can reach vary large numbers and become aggressive.**

**They should only ever be exterminated by professionals.**

**Paper Wasps are of finer build than the German wasp, and pitch on wooden surfaces – they eat wood and in large numbers you can hear them chewing.**

**They build nests as pictured often under eaves of buildings or in trees / bushes. Nests are often hard to find but can easily be exterminated by a professional.**



Paper Wasps & Nest

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## Spiders



There are over 2000 types of spiders in NZ and although it often seems that they are all covering your home in cobwebs they are not a threat. However there are two spiders that are to be avoided The Katipo (which is a relative of the Australian Redback) and the White Tail Spider.

Cobwebs on the outside of buildings are unsightly and keep the inside of your home untidy and make housework hard work !

White tail spiders have elongated body with a distinctive white tip on the abdomen, they eat other spiders and they especially like Daddy Long Legs that have a high level of venom (too small to bite humans) but this is what causes the white tail to become feared. Their bite is painful and can be dangerous to some people as they carry a flesh eating bacteria.

The Katipo spider is very rare and is found often in sand dunes, small black body and can range from yellow to red markings on its abdomen.

By having your home sprayed it exterminates all spiders inside and out, thus making your home a safer place.



Daddy Long Legs



White Tail



Katipo

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## Carpet Beetle



The Beetle its self is harmless apart from breeding !  
The damage is done by the larvae that eats away at woolen fabrics, fur, leather, silk & animal remains.

Wooly bears (as pictured are the larvae) and are destructive to home furnishings, feeding on carpets and sometimes clothes.

4-5mm long, brown in colour and possess three bunches of golden hairs, arranged in pairs on the posterior abdominal segments.

They avoid light and damage is normally done in the first place behind curtains and furniture.

They have several moulting stages so you may find many larval moults.

They can survive up to ten months and can live through the winter months.

**These need professionally exterminating as they will keep eating away at your expensive carpet**

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