Carpet Beetle Prevention Guide

How to Prevent Carpet Beetles

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OVERVIEW



Carpet beetles can damage to your belongings if they get into your home. Use this guide to learn how to prevent a carpet beetle infestation.

Have carpet beetles? Read our guide on how to get rid of carpet beetles

STEP 1 Keep Your Yard Clean



Like most pests, carpet beetles will find their way into your home from outside. By maintaining your yard, you can dramatically reduce the chance of a carpet beetle crawling into your home.

- Remove any bird nests, wasp nests, and spider webs outside of your home. Carpet beetles will harbor in these nests

and webs.
- Cut back pollinating plants that are near or touch your home or structure. Carpet beetles are attracted to pollen.
- Rake back mulch and pine straw at least 6 inches away from the foundation of your home.

For more tips on how to make your yard as unappealing to carpet beetles as possible, read our general pest prevention guide and watch the video below.

Video Instructions



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0dfkMFFJXo

STEP 2 Maintain a Clean Home

It may seem simple, but maintaining a clean home is an easy but effective way to prevent a carpet beetle infestation. Vacuuming regularly will pick up any rogue carpet beetle eggs or larvae and washing and drying linens in high heat will kill off any carpet beetles, eggs, or larvae that may have found their way into your home.

STEP 3 Inspect Foliage Before You Bring It Inside



Carpet beetles are attracted to flower pollen. Before you bring flowers or plants inside, whether you cut them from your garden or bought them at a store, inspect the foliage for carpet beetles.

STEP 4 Keep Linens and Decor in Air-Tight Containers



Carpet beetles are attracted to natural fibers like silk, fur, and leather. This makes clothing and linens very appealing to carpet beetles. Prevent your clothing and linens from being eaten by carpet beetles by storing unused fabrics in air-tight storage containers.

Holiday decorations, such as wreaths, are items homeowners often forget to store properly. Keep these items in air-tight containers as well, especially when storing in dark areas such as attics and basements, to avoid carpet beetles.

We hope you found our carpet beetle guide helpful. If you are not sure if you have carpet beetles in your home, read our guide on what carpet beetles look like.

Have carpet beetles? Learn where carpet beetles hide in the home and how to get rid of carpet beetles. Or, give the experts of our customer service staff a call at 866-581-7378.