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*Our monthly newsletter, containing specials, advice and interesting facts, will give you the opportunity to make use of our free tips keeping your property pest free!*

## 10 Ways to Prevent Pests from Living in your property

**M**any common pest problems can be prevented using simple, inexpensive methods that you

can do yourself. While Mostert Pest Control is anxious to help solve your pest problems, we are happy to provide these preventive tips.

### **Dumpsters.**

Empty self closing or covered public trash receptacles. Assure all food waste is placed in trash bags that are tied shut prior to being placed into the dumpster. Cleaning the dumpster pad or corral area will help control flies.

### **Cleaning.**

Use the "clean as you go" strategy for counter tops, food prep surfaces and utensils.

**Remove broken or unused equipment** to avoid rodents or bugs from nesting in it. Virtually all kitchen equipment is built with 4 inch legs or wheels which elevate the item off the floor. If damaged these should be repaired and not removed. Remove standing water inside your facility. The moisture contributes to decay which ultimately results in pest issues.

**Dispose of cardboard** as soon as cartons are emptied. Cardboard can be used as rodent nest material. Install door sweeps on all doors.

**Educate your staff or family** to be on the lookout for pests and teach them to document locations and pests. This will help Mostert Pest Control better serve you.

**Remove scrap wood** from both inside and outside your building.

**Seal cracks and crevices** around the outside of your building to prevent pest entry.

**Mount exterior lights away from doors** of the building.



## Why Use Professional Pest Management?






ur technicians spend a significant amount of time in training sessions where they learn the

latest information about pests and pest control. The technician must know about the biology and habits of the pests that pose problems in your property so they can prescribe the appropriate treatment. The technician must be aware of the many new methods of pest control that are being developed. Many years ago, the only tools available for pest control were spray cans and chemical sprays. Today, however, our arsenal is filled with different kinds of tools such as baits, inspection tools, nonchemical tools and pressurized insecticides. Have a question about pests?

**Remember Mostert Pest Control is just a phone call away – so give one of our branches a call to assist you.**

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### ***Pest facts:***

-  ***Bed bugs leave a cluster line of itchy bites.***
-  ***Males of most cricket species make a loud chirping noise by rubbing their forewings together.***
-  ***A female flea may consume up to fifteen times her own body weight in blood each day, to support the huge production of eggs***

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