

Pest Fact Sheet

Practical tips to protect your family and your home during summer and winter.



The Summer Season

Summer in the Pilbara is a unique time of year. The days are typically hot and the nights are balmy, which is also a perfect climate for pests to breed and invade your home. The unique weather conditions cause some of the more persistent pests to thrive.

Ants and termites flourish during the warmer months. Speak to allrid pest management about protecting your family and your home from these pests this summer.

Termites

Subterranean termites are by far the most destructive timber pest in the world. Termites, or white ants as they are sometimes referred to, can adapt to ever changing environments and are known to cause major damage to homes within 3 months of entry.

What to do if suspect termites in your home?

- If termite damage is found in the home, don't panic.
- Do not disturb the termites by using household sprays or removing infested wood.
- Call allrid for a termite inspection and treatment as soon as possible.
- If you are building a new home, speak to allrid about pre-construction termite protection. cannot be eliminated completely, their damage or nuisance can be kept at bay for months at a time through treatments applied by a licensed pest control professional.
- Allrid have termite protection solutions that are backed by a 50 year warranty.

Don't let Termites tear your home apart



Ants

Ants are an unwelcome house guest. Once ants make themselves at home, they like to stay. However, ants live in nests outside, which is exactly where allrid's technicians begin to target them.

Practical tips to make your home less attractive to ants:

- Ants are attracted to a wide range of food products with different species preferring sweets, meats, fats or oils, so keep foods well stored and sealed.
- Ants will search indoors for water during dry periods and when they find it, they call on their mates to help gather the water and return it to the nest. This can result in large numbers of ants appearing over a short period of time.
- Seldom will ants attack solid structures. They prefer to enter into pre-existing cavities or spaces between objects or in rotten wood, so ensure cavities are filled and rotten wood removed from your home or garden.
- Have allrid install an ant cafe or ant gel in your home. This secure baiting device, which is the size of a matchbox, is environmentally friendly, safe and effective.

A sprinkle of household ant treatment directly into an ant nest will not solve your ant problem. Ants simply move nest sites when disturbed, only to return later when a new food source is located. While ants cannot be eliminated completely, their damage or nuisance can be kept at bay for months at a time through treatments applied by a licensed pest control professional.



Small ants can cause big problems...



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The Winter Season

Winter in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions is also known as the dry season. Typically the day time temperature ranges from 20°C to 30°C. This temperature range is also preferred by some of the more unsavoury pests such as cockroaches and rodents. So before the dry season sets in, prepare your home or business by implementing the necessary pest management treatments and stay one step ahead of these fast breeding pests.

Cockroaches

Cockroaches breed rapidly, carry a range of serious illnesses and are a nuisance for home owners. This is why allrid responds quickly with effective cockroach treatments for commercial and residential properties to halt the spread of cockroaches on your premises.

Did you know?

- The health implications from these pests stem from the fact that cockroaches move freely from areas that may harbour pathogenic organisms: for example, from sewers to food or food preparation surfaces.
- Cockroach allergens can also be responsible for asthma.

The typical signs of a cockroach problem are:

- **Seeing live insects** – cockroaches are nocturnal and hide during the day. You will most likely see them when turning on the light in the kitchen at night
- **Egg cases and cast skins** – cockroaches shed their skin 5-8 times as they mature
- **Droppings** – cockroaches leave a dust of black droppings less than 1mm wide and of varying lengths
- **Odour** – established cockroach infestations produce an unpleasant, musty smell
- **Damage** – cockroaches will attack organic goods including leather and books

Cockroaches are a high risk pest to have in your home



Rodents

Rodents such as rats and mice pose serious health risks and can cause damage to your property. allrid provides a number of rodent treatment solutions, and will tailor the treatment to suit your home, office or commercial property.



When you're away, the mice will play

Rats in your home are a serious pest problem and should be treated immediately. Rats can cause significant damage to wiring, the insulation in your home and they have even been known to chew through floor joists and walls.

Finding mice in your home is more than just an inconvenience. Mice are unsanitary and can multiply very quickly. They can contaminate food and other materials through the droppings they leave behind.

The typical signs of a mouse problem are:

- Scratching noises in the walls or ceilings as mice scurry around.
- **Droppings** – mice leave small, dark droppings particularly along walls, in cupboards or under sinks.
- **Distinctive smell** – mice leave an ammonia-like smell that will be particularly strong in more enclosed areas such as under cupboards.
- **Damage** – mice have teeth that grow continuously and will gnaw on wood, plastic, cables and other hard materials to keep their teeth shorter.
- **Nests** – mice build nests with shredded material such as newspaper and fabrics. These will tend to be in hidden places such as behind fridges. Nests will often contain young mice.

Vacating a rental property?

Pet Bond Sprays are often required when a tenant is vacating a property where they kept a pet. The treatment usually involves an external spray of insecticide to eliminate ant fleas or ticks that have been attracted to the property. In some cases an internal spray is also required.

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