

FACT SHEET

Carpet Moths

Tinea Pellionella



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7p per minute
Peak Time Excludes
Publicly Available Mobiles

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Mobile Friendly

not 24 hour

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Location

This species can be found throughout the world – the adult is typically encountered during summer and early autumn but infestations that live in human dwellings may be seen at other times of the year. There is the Case Bearing Clothes Moth (*Tinea Pellionella*) and the Common Clothes Moth (*Tineola Bisselliella*).

Appearance

Tinea Pellionella is silvery grey to shiny light brown in colour, with dark grey hairs on the top of its head. The adult of this species has a wingspan of 9 to 16 mm and its forewings are brown with one large spot and a few smaller black spots. The hindwings are plain pale brown-grey. The forewings, but especially the hindwings are surrounded by a hairy fringe.

Breeding

The female carpet moth produces 30-300 eggs per sitting and the resultant larvae can severely damage your carpets. Up to 6 broods per annum is possible causing significant damage. The larvae spin silken, cooked rice like cases in which to hide, incorporating carpet fibres so the case can be a similar colour to the attacked carpet. It stays snug inside this case that it has constructed. The Case Bearing Clothes moth normally only has one generation per annum - it is the Common Clothes Moth that can have a number of generations.

Feeding

The Case Bearing Clothes Moth (*Tinea Pellionella*) or Carpet Moth is an insect that mainly attacks carpets, particularly in secluded spots such as under furniture and in undisturbed areas. If carpeting is removed, this moth may attack clothes or soft furnishings. The larva also feeds on upholstery, woollen fabrics, detritus, cobwebs, bird nests (particularly of the domestic pigeon), stored vegetable produce and wallpaper.



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Schedule 1

Terms Specific to Carpet Moths Treatments

Before Service

1. You should be prepared to leave your home during treatment and until insecticide is thoroughly dried. This will be for a minimum of 4 hours.
2. To carry out a really effective treatment will need to get access to all areas that the moths are being found.
3. All furniture should be moved from the edges of the room to allow access to the floor wall junctions.
4. Vacuum all carpeting and mop wood and tile floors, including along walls and inside closets.
5. Clean or vacuum furniture, especially between and under cushions. Dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag in a rubbish container outside your home and close tightly. If using a vacuum with a re-usable bag, empty the contents into a container outside your home, close it tightly, and discard. Wash reusable bag in hot water.
6. Remove all pets from the property during treatment. For cats, please ensure they cannot re-enter through a cat flap before the 4 hour period has expired.
7. Cover fish tanks with wet towels and turn off pumps until reoccupying home. Cover all electrical appliances.
8. Floors must be clear and unobstructed for us to treat effectively. Please pick up all toys and items off the floor. This includes picking up items from floors inside wardrobes and under beds.
9. Remove all caged pets (birds, reptiles, hamsters) before service is started.
10. Cover and store any open food products, dishes or utensils before service is started.

After Service

11. Remain out of the home until insecticide has dried thoroughly (minimum of 4 hours). It is essential to allow this time and ensure that the home is completely aired out before allowing sensitive individuals, such as small children, or vulnerable pets back into the home.
12. The insecticide remains active for over 2 weeks, so do not vacuum or wipe surfaces during this period as this will remove it and compromise your treatment.
13. You may still notice moths during this two week period, this does not mean the treatment has not worked.

