



Savvy Pest Control Ltd.

Post Fruit Flies, Carpet Beetles, Flour Beetles and Silverfish Spraying Treatment Guidelines

Immediate actions:

- ☐ Ventilate treated areas for 15 minutes before staying inside. After this you can get back to the premises but keep ventilation for two more hours. This can be done by either opening windows and doors or through use of air exchange/ventilation systems
- ☐ Kitchen counter tops, cutting boards, and fridge and stove top should be washed with soap and warm water prior to placing any items back

Preventive actions to avoid infestation reoccurrence:

1) General actions:

- a. Keep the floor and all counter and stove tops clear of food particles
- b. Reduce clutter in your home
- c. Do not store paper bags in the kitchen and bathroom
- d. Do not keep any recycle items (bottles, cans, etc.) unless they are well washed
- e. Do not spray any insecticide unless done by a pesticide professional

2) Specific actions for carpet beetles and silverfish:

- a. Rugs and other fabrics should be cleaned and if possible, aired in the sun as the larvae avoid the light
- b. Sanitation includes cleaning of lint and dust, removal of unused fabric materials and proper storage of unused clothing. Stored woolen clothing and furs should be brushed to help dislodge eggs and larvae
- c. Vacuuming is as important to carpet beetle elimination as it is to prevention. While liquid and dust insecticides may successfully kill off the adult and larvae stages, they cannot kill eggs and pupae. Vacuuming is an effective way to kill these hard-to-eliminate life stages of carpet beetles. When vacuuming, be sure to do so every couple of days while going through the elimination process. Vacuum over carpeted areas several times and use attachments as need to cover furniture and draperies.

3) Specific actions for Fruit Flies

- a. Wash and dry dishes after each meal
- b. Store all open foods in containers with tight lids
- c. Take garbage bags out daily
- d. Clean infested drains with products specifically designed to breakdown organic matter built-up

It can take several weeks to get rid of drain fruit flies and the length of the treatment will depend on the level of debris built up in the drain, the number of drains infested and level of infestation before the treatment is started.