

Top 10 Tips...

For Flea Control

- 1** Adult fleas are small, wingless insects, around 2mm in size, with flattened and red-brown bodies, and legs designed for jumping.
- 2** All adult fleas are parasitic, and feed on warm-blooded animals.
- 3** Female fleas can live up to two years, during which time they can lay up to 1,000 eggs.
- 4** Fleas are generally found to be living on pets or wildlife, and in the office environment, can be found in carpets and upholstered furniture.
- 5** Larval fleas live in the nest of the host and feed on skin, feathers and, most importantly, the blood-rich faeces of the adult flea.
- 6** In the UK there is little evidence that fleas spread disease. However flea bites can cause intense irritation and a bright red raised spot.
- 7** Prevent infestation of fleas in your office by frequent vacuuming of carpeted areas and furniture. The resulting collection of dust should be removed and disposed in an outside bin.
- 8** Try to keep your external premises neat and tidy by mowing any grassed areas, and raking up any leaves, grass or bush clippings.



- 9** Prior to an insecticide treatment, clear as much floor space as possible to ensure thorough treatment. Vacuuming all areas helps to remove any debris, eggs, larvae and adult fleas. The vibration of the vacuum cleaner also helps to stimulate adults to hatch from their cocoon stage. Remember to remove the waste collection compartment/bag, from the vacuum cleaner, and dispose of it in an outside bin.
- 10** The standard treatment for infested premises is the application of a residual insecticide by one of Monitor's trained technicians, either as a liquid spray or a powder. The insecticide is applied to floor surfaces. Ensure you do not vacuum for at least 2 weeks following treatment to avoid eliminating the residual insecticide, leading to a failed treatment.



Rodents



General
Insects



Flying
Insects



Stored Product
Insects



Birds



Wildlife