

Top 10 Tips...

For Moth Control

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Clothes Moths: There are several species of clothes moth, including the Common Clothes Moth, Case Bearing Moth, Brown House Moth and White Shouldered Moth. All of these are characterised by folding their wings tent-wise along their back.

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Damage to Stock: The adult clothes moth doesn't do any damage while feeding - it's the larvae that hatch and eat wool, hair, fur or feathers, with a preference for blankets, wool carpets, wool garments or upholstery that have been soiled with perspiration or food.

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Recognising the Signs: The larvae make irregular holes in textile fabrics and pupate as silken cocoons. You may see small maggot like larvae (moth caterpillars) or the silken tubes they live in.

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Act Immediately: If your organisation deals in textiles or fabrics, a moth infestation can be very damaging and costly to your business.

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Deny Access: Use fly screens and make sure windows and doors are closed at night.

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Protect Stock: Where possible, store textile products in sealed plastic bags. Make sure clothing stored on the premises is kept clean.



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Cleaning and Hygiene: Clean carpets regularly, paying special attention to the edges. Don't leave fabric off-cuts lying around and if your business has had a problem with birds, ensure any old nests are removed.

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Flour Moths, Meal Moths & Warehouse Moths: The larvae from these moths feed on stored food products, such as cereals, flour, nuts and dried fruit, causing serious damage and contamination.

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Treatment: While moth killers and repellents will help with a small-scale problem, a larger infestation will require professional treatment. This could include pheromone disruption and fumigants.

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Call a Professional: Any significant moth infestation should be tackled by a pest control professional. Monitor will implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, which will eliminate infestations quickly and efficiently.



Rodents



General Insects



Flying Insects



Stored Product Insects



Birds



Wildlife