

## Advice for you who discover pests!

### What can you do yourself?

#### Flour beetle and other insects in the kitchen cupboards

if you find pests in newly purchased goods; you should notify the store where you bought the goods. If you find pests in kitchen cupboards and drawers, you should;

- ✓ Empty the cupboards and drawers.
- ✓ Discard products that are old.
- ✓ Clean the cabinets and boxes carefully, especially in the cracks. Vacuum with a narrow nozzle
- ✓ Vacuum and clean the skirting boards.
- ✓ Keep all products in the newly cleaned cupboards in sealed plastic bags until you know where the pests are coming from.



#### Wasps and bees

They prefer to build their nests under a roof or such like. Nests can be removed when they are small with, for example, a stick. Bees are important for wild and cultivated plants, and **may not be decontaminated.**

#### Ants

Ants leaves scent tracks so that other ants can find the sweets. If you see an anthill / scent track use detergent and water and thoroughly wash it away, using a brush. Try to keep everything clean and do not leave sweets out in the open.

#### Fur beetles

Attagenus pelliio thrive where it is dark and quiet. If you find them in the kitchen follow the procedures for flour beetles and other insects (see above). If they are in the rest of the house you will need to go through all your clothes, carpets and other soft fabrics.

- ✓ Vacuum, brush, and shake.
- ✓ Look extra carefully in pockets, or folds where insects can hide.
- ✓ Vacuum the whole house / apartment, and be extra careful in the skirting boards and in wardrobes.

Like all other insects fur beetles can't tolerate heat at 55 ° C for 30 minutes. Fabric which has been ironed is free from pests as well as garments that have been tumble dried. Mosquito nets in open door and windows are an effective way to prevent flying insects to enter.

## **Rats and mice**

### **The following applies for private houses;**

- ✓ Make sure that doors and shutters in your house are sealed and without cracks.
- ✓ Seal any cracks in the foundation of the house.
- ✓ Install fine-mesh nets over the ventilation openings. Make it as difficult as possible for mice to enter without compromising the air circulation.

A 20 cm wide, smooth and painted wooden plank about 1 m up on the outside can prevent mice from climbing up. An angled metal plate with a maximum of 2 cm overhang on the outside wall is just as effective. On vertical pipes such as drain pipes you can be put metal collars, which the mice can't get passed. Do not forget that trees and shrubs along the outside walls will make it easier for the mice to climb. Use normal type traps - preferably several pieces simultaneously and in different locations of the house. Use different types of baits, choose something that smells such as peanuts, caviar, smoked herring pâté, ham flavored cheese, smoked ham. Experiment until you get results.

If you use live- catch mouse traps you should be aware that they require daily supervision so that the mice are not exposed to unnecessary suffering due to lack of food and water.

**NOTE! If you live in an apartment house you must contact the landlord or janitor if you have a problem with rats and mice.**

## **Earwigs**

Earwigs are mostly a nuisance in the autumn. They and many other insects thrive on plants near the house. They are shady, at dawn often hides in cracks in window frames and doors, among the petals of flowers and similar hiding places. In severe cases, you should avoid having too many plants around the house.

\* You can make traps of rolled-up moistened corrugated cardboard that you put down in the plants near the house. Do this in the evening. The earwigs can then be killed with hot water or by the rollers being burnt. If you don't have any corrugated cardboard, you can use a rolled up damp newspaper or an old dishcloth. You can also fill flower pots with wood wool or similar and place them upside down.

## **Damp Flies**

- ✓ Pour a little vinegar in a glass and put a drop of detergent in it. The damp flies will be attracted to the vinegar and drown in the glass
- ✓ Pour boiling water into drains and floor drains for several days in a row, to kill flies and eggs living there. (Flies like to live in floor drains and sewers)
- ✓ Keep everything dry and clean. Have no old fruit and vegetables out in the open.