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The Bahrain Home Protection Guide

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How to use this guide: read the bold line under each question first. That is your answer. The text below it tells you why.

Do I Have Termites? The Early Warning Signs

Termites work out of sight. By the time you see damage, they have usually been feeding for a while.

1 How do I know if I have termites in my home?

You likely have termites if you see mud tubes, hollow-sounding wood, discarded wings or tiny wood-colored pellets.

Bubbling paint and doors that suddenly stick are also warning signs. Don't wait for proof. Book an inspection.

2 What do termite mud tubes look like?

Thin, pencil-width tunnels of dried soil, usually brown or grey, running up walls, foundations or pipes.

Termites build them to travel without drying out in open air. Scraping one off fixes nothing: the colony is elsewhere and will rebuild it.

3 How do I tell termites from flying ants?

Termites have a straight, thick waist, straight antennae and four wings of equal length. Flying ants have a pinched waist, bent antennae and longer front wings.

Winged insects swarming indoors often point to a mature colony nearby. Take a photo and keep a few wings for the technician.

4 Can termites damage tiled walls or door frames?

Yes. They damage door frames, skirting boards and wooden fixtures directly, and can leave tiles hollow or loose by tunneling behind them.

They don't eat tiles; they eat what is around and behind them. Tap the area: a hollow sound means it's time to call.

Bottom line: If you are unsure, an inspection usually costs far less than the repair.

Building a Villa? Protect It Before the Concrete Goes Down

The cheapest termite protection you will ever buy is the one done before the foundation is poured.

1 Is pre-construction termite treatment necessary before building a villa?

Yes. Treating the soil before the foundation is poured is the cheapest and easiest time to protect a villa.

Once the slab is down, the soil beneath it is sealed away, and fixing it later means drilling and higher cost. Skipping it to save money is the classic mistake.

2 How long does soil barrier termite treatment last?

Often around five years or more, but it depends on the product, the soil and how well it was applied.

There is no magic number. Digging, landscaping and leaks can break the barrier. Ask for the product name, dosage, area covered and a written warranty, and schedule yearly inspections.

3 When is the right time to apply termiticide during construction?

After excavation and compaction, just before the concrete is poured, with the perimeter treated again after backfilling.

Too early, and rain or site traffic disturbs it. Too late, and the slab covers the soil. Pipe penetrations and expansion joints need treating too. Agree dates with your contractor in advance.

4 How does anti-termite piping under concrete foundations work?

It is a network of perforated pipes laid under or around the slab, with surface access points, so termiticide can be re-applied without drilling.

Think of it as a refill line for your protection. It only works if it is installed properly and actually used.

Bottom line: Talk to a pest control company before the foundation is poured, not after.

Summer Cockroaches: Why They Keep Coming Back

Cleaning alone won't beat cockroaches. You have to treat where they live, not where you see them.

1 Why do large cockroaches come out of floor drains in hot weather?

Large cockroaches, usually American cockroaches, leave drains when sewers get hot, dry or crowded and they search for water, food and cooler air.

Dry floor traps are open doors. Pour water into unused drains regularly, fit proper drain covers and get the drainage area treated.

2 How do I get rid of German cockroaches in kitchen cabinets fast?

Use gel bait inside the cabinets, not spray, and treat the cracks and hinges where they hide.

Spraying scatters them and makes the problem worse. Empty the cabinets, remove cardboard and fix leaks. You may see a drop within days, but full control often takes a follow-up visit.

3 Do DIY cockroach sprays kill the whole nest?

No. They kill the cockroaches they touch, not the population hiding in walls, appliances and egg cases.

Repellent sprays can push roaches deeper and make professional bait work less well. Spray feels like action, but it is often just noise.

4 Why do I keep seeing cockroaches after cleaning my kitchen?

Because clean is not the same as sealed. Cockroaches live in wall voids and behind appliances, and come up through drains.

Cleaning only removes surface food. Check for leaks under the sink, food behind the fridge, cardboard boxes and shared walls with neighbors. Treat the source, not just the surface.

Bottom line: Bait, seal and treat the hiding places. Spraying what you see is not a plan.

Termites in a Finished Home: Your Treatment Options

You can treat termites in a lived-in home. What matters is the method, the access and the follow-up.

1 Can you treat termites in an existing home without damaging tiles?

Yes, with minimal damage. Technicians can drill through grout lines, use baits that need no drilling, and seal any holes afterward.

Small holes are sometimes needed. What matters is where they go and how they are repaired. Ask before work starts.

2 How does the drill-and-inject method work?

Small holes are drilled along walls, floor edges and cracks, and liquid termiticide is injected to build a protective barrier in the soil and voids.

The holes are then sealed. The goal is to reach the soil under the slab, where termites enter.

3 Is liquid termiticide or a baiting system better?

Neither wins every time. Liquid gives a fast barrier. Baits are slower but less disruptive and target the colony. Many homes need both.

The right choice depends on your floor type, access, how active the termites are and who lives there. Be wary of any company that sells one option for every house.

4 How long do post-construction termite treatments last?

Typically a few years, often three to five depending on the product and warranty, and only if the barrier stays undisturbed.

No treatment is forever. Get the warranty terms in writing and book a yearly inspection.

Bottom line: A good company explains the method, the warranty and the follow-up in writing.

Bed Bugs: How to Get Rid of Them for Good

Bed bugs are rarely beaten with one spray. Permanent results take a plan, preparation and a follow-up visit.

1 How do I get rid of bed bugs permanently?

Use a professional treatment plan, usually two or three visits, plus proper room preparation. One spray rarely does it.

Permanent means ending the infestation and stopping re-entry, so check luggage, clothes and second-hand furniture too.

2 Does regular pest control spray kill hidden bed bug eggs?

Usually not. Regular sprays often miss eggs, which hatch days later and restart the problem.

That's why a follow-up visit about one to two weeks later is not an upsell. It is part of the treatment.

3 Why do bed bugs keep coming back after spraying?

Eggs survived, bugs hid outside the sprayed zone, or they were brought back on luggage, clothes or used furniture. Sometimes they come from the next unit.

Repellent sprays can also scatter them into other rooms.

4 What do I need to prepare before a bed bug treatment?

Wash bedding and clothes hot, dry them on high heat, bag them, clear the floor and bed area, and don't move furniture to other rooms.

Vacuum, leave the mattress in place, and tell your technician about children and pets. Good preparation decides how well the treatment works.

Bottom line: Prepare well, finish the follow-up visits, and check what you bring home.

Is Pest Control Safe for My Family and Pets?

Safe depends on the product, the dose and the waiting time. Ask questions before the technician arrives.

1

Are pest control chemicals safe for babies, children and pets?

When applied by trained technicians as the label directs, modern pest control is designed to be safe for families, but it depends on the product, dose and waiting time.

Keep infants and pets away until treated areas are dry. Ask for product names and safety data sheets. Anyone promising zero risk is selling a slogan.

2

Do I have to leave my house during treatment?

Usually not for standard spray or gel treatments, but some treatments need you out for a while, and your technician should tell you beforehand.

Cover food, fish tanks and pet bowls, and move birds. Fumigation and some heat treatments do require leaving.

3

How long should I wait before entering a room after spraying?

Wait until treated surfaces are dry, commonly a few hours, and follow your technician's specific time because it varies by product.

Ventilate the room. Don't wipe treated areas until the technician says it is fine.

4

Are there odorless and eco-friendly options?

Yes. Gel baits, low-odor formulations, targeted treatments and pest-proofing can cut chemical use and smell significantly.

Natural doesn't automatically mean safe, so ask what is used. The most eco-friendly step is prevention: sealing, cleaning and fixing leaks.

Bottom line: You are allowed to ask what is being used in your home. A good company welcomes it.

Pests by Season: What to Expect and How Often to Treat

Pests never fully leave Bahrain. They just change with the season.

1

Why do pests increase during the hot summer months?

Heat and humidity speed up breeding and feeding, and pests move into cooler, damper spaces like homes and drains.

Outside is harsh, so indoors becomes the better option. More heat means faster growth, which is why small problems explode in summer.

2

Which pests are most active in winter vs. summer?

Summer favors cockroaches, ants, mosquitoes, flies and termites. In winter, rodents move in for warmth and food, while indoor ants and cockroaches stay active.

Winters in Bahrain are mild, so pests rarely disappear. They just change.

3

How do rodents get inside villas during cooler weather?

Through small gaps around AC pipes, roof edges, vents and cable openings.

A mouse can squeeze through about 6 mm, and a rat through about 2 cm. Scratching in the ceiling at night is the usual first sign.

4

Monthly or quarterly pest control?

Quarterly suits most homes. Monthly suits restaurants, food businesses and active infestations.

The right schedule depends on your property, garden, past problems and risk. A good company sets it after an inspection, not by guesswork.

Bottom line: Match the schedule to your property, not to a one-size-fits-all package.

Ants in the Kitchen and Garden: Ending the Cycle

If ants keep returning, the nest is still alive. Kill the colony, not just the trail.

1

Why do ants keep coming back to a clean kitchen?

Ants follow scent trails and find food and water you can't see, so clean doesn't erase the trail or the nest.

Tiny sweet residue, damp sinks and gaps near walls are enough. Wipe trails with soapy water, seal entry points and find where they come from.

2

Why does spraying ants make them spread into more rooms?

Repellent sprays scare some colonies into splitting into several nests and scatter workers into new areas.

This is common with some small household ants. You end up with more trails, not fewer. Stop spraying and switch to bait.

3

How do ant gel baits destroy the whole colony?

Workers eat the slow-acting gel, carry it back and share it with the colony and queen, so the nest collapses from inside.

Don't clean the bait away or spray near it. Seeing more ants at first is normal. Give it a few days.

4

How do I stop ants ruining garden plants and patio tiles?

Treat nests under pavers, bait the trails, control the sap-feeding insects ants protect, and trim plants touching walls.

Ants dig sand from under patio tiles, which can make them sink or shift. Professional treatment gets under the paving where you can't.

Bottom line: Bait works because ants carry it home. Spray works against your own plan.

Rats and Mice: How They Get In and How to Keep Them Out

Killing rodents without sealing the entry points just invites the next ones.

1

How are rats getting into my roof, false ceiling or AC vents?

Through gaps you wouldn't think count: roof edges, unscreened vents, AC pipe openings, cable holes and drains.

Mice need about 6 mm and rats about 2 cm. They climb pipes, cables and trees touching the roof. If you hear scratching at night, they are probably already inside.

2

What is the most effective way to eliminate rodents inside a home?

Combine inspection, sealing entry points, and trapping or tamper-resistant bait stations.

Avoid loose poison in roofs and walls: dead rodents in places you can't reach smell terrible.

3

Why aren't my rat traps or glue boards working anymore?

Rodents learn. They avoid new objects, and traps fail when placed wrongly, baited wrongly, too few, or when other food is easy to reach.

Glue boards also stop working when dusty. Place traps along walls where rodents run, change the bait and secure your food.

4

What is pest proofing, and how does it keep rodents out?

Sealing every gap pests use to enter, with metal mesh, sealant, door sweeps and vent covers, so they can't get in.

Rodents gnaw through foam and plastic, so use metal. This is the difference between treating the problem and preventing it.

Bottom line: Inspect, seal, then trap. In that order.

6 Questions to Ask Any Pest Control Company

A good company answers all of these clearly and in writing.

- 1 Will you inspect before you quote, and explain what you found?
- 2 Which products will you use, and can I see the safety data sheets?
- 3 Is the warranty in writing, and what does it cover?
- 4 Are follow-up visits included, and when will they happen?
- 5 What do I need to prepare, and how long before I can re-enter?
- 6 How do you treat homes with babies, children and pets?

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This guide offers general information. The right treatment depends on a proper inspection of your property. Timeframes and warranties vary by product and site conditions.