



Home preparation for travel & maintaining a pest-free haven checklist

Pre-travel home prep: Safeguarding against pests

- Deep Cleaning Mastery:** Vacuum thoroughly, focusing on hidden corners and under furniture. Clean surfaces and floors, paying special attention to the kitchen and dining areas where food particles often accumulate.
- Pantry Moth Countermeasures:** Set up pantry moth traps in strategic locations. Inspect your pantry and discard any compromised food items. Seal grains, cereals and other dry goods in airtight containers.
- Garment Guardians:** Protect your keratin-rich clothing by placing them in moth-proof garment bags. Place Dr. Killigan's Cedar Planks in your wardrobes and drawers.
- Fruit Fly Deterrence:** Ensure that no fruits or vegetables are left on your counters. Store produce in the refrigerator or consume it before your departure.
- Perimeter Shield with Dust to Dust:** Apply Dr. Killigan's Dust to Dust around the perimeter of your home, focusing on entry points like doors and windows, as well as any cracks or crevices.
- Six Feet Under's Protective Veil:** Apply Six Feet Under Non-Toxic Insect Spray in key areas prone to pest entry and infestation.
- Fly Inn Vigilance:** Check your Fly Inn traps before leaving and replace any full or old glue inserts with fresh ones.
- Insect Buster Readiness:** Have the Insect Buster on hand for last-minute pest control needs. It's designed for easy application of Dust to Dust, allowing for precise and effective placement of the powder.

Pre-travel home prep: Securing your sanctuary

- Organize and Declutter:** Take time to organize and declutter your home. Pay special attention to areas like basements, attics and garages where clutter tends to accumulate. Store items in sealed containers and dispose of unnecessary clutter.
- Secure Your Home:** Thoroughly check all windows and doors to ensure they are properly sealed and locked. Consider adding weather stripping or caulking any gaps you find. If you have a pet door, make sure it's secured as well.
- Notify a Trusted Neighbor or Friend:** They can keep an eye on your property, collect mail and notify you of any issues. If possible, leave them a key so they can check inside your home periodically for any signs of pest activity or other problems like water leaks.
- Manage Trash and Recycling:** Remove any garbage and recycling from your home before you leave. Make sure your outdoor bins are securely closed to prevent animals from scavenging.
- Adjust Thermostat and Unplug Electronics:** Set your thermostat to an energy-efficient temperature. Unplug unnecessary electronics to save energy and reduce fire hazards.
- Water Plants and Lawn Maintenance:** If you have a lawn or garden, consider scheduling maintenance in your absence. Water your plants or arrange for someone to do so.
- Pet Food Storage:** If you have pets, ensure that their food is stored in sealed containers.
- Inspect Roof and Gutters:** Check your roof for any damage and clean out gutters.

Upon return: Reclaiming and refreshing your domain

- Home Inspection for Pest Activity:** As soon as you return, conduct a thorough inspection of your home. Check for any signs of pest intrusion, such as droppings, nests or damage to food packages. Pay close attention to the areas where you've set traps or used preventative measures. If you notice any signs of

pests, take immediate action. This could involve setting more traps, cleaning affected areas, or contacting us via chat, email, or phone.

- Revitalize and Air Out Your Space:** After being closed up, your home can benefit from fresh air. Open windows and doors to ventilate and bring in fresh air. This not only improves the air quality but also helps to dissipate any musty odors. If you have indoor plants, check and water them as needed.
- Restocking Essentials:** A well-prepared return includes restocking essential items. Use a "Free printable house cleaning checklist pdf" as a guide to restock groceries, toiletries, and other household necessities. This is also a good time to replace any non-toxic sticky glue inserts in your Fly Inn traps or check on other pest control measures you have in place.
- Post-Travel Cleaning and Laundry:** Engage in a comprehensive cleaning of your home. Vacuum and mop floors, dust surfaces, and sanitize high-touch areas like doorknobs and light switches. Tackle any laundry that you've brought back with you promptly. Washing clothes and bed linens can help prevent any pests or dirt from traveling back into your clean home.
- Reconnection and Comfort Reset:** Reconnect any electronics that were unplugged before your departure. This includes resetting digital clocks, turning on Wi-Fi routers, and checking your home security systems. Adjust your thermostat to a comfortable setting for your current needs. If you have a smart home system, ensure that it's back online and functioning correctly.

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