



# 5 Surefire Ways To Keep **Pests** Out

Most homeowners are familiar with the constant battle between humans and pests and the lengths you will go to rid your home of unwanted bugs. From ants and roaches to spiders and even termites, pests of all kinds want to enjoy the inside of your house as much as you do. Unfortunately, some of these pests pose a greater risk to your health and happiness than others. All the more reason to clear your home for good.

Here are 5 ways to say hasta la vista to your unwanted companions:

## 1. Invest In Screens

For much of the year, the state of Florida is blessed with temperate weather and plenty of opportunities to spend time outside. There are, of course, the few short weeks of wintery weather each year, and the months of sweltering heat in the summer, but other than that we're fortunate enough to be able to spend much of the year outdoors. One great thing about this temperate weather is opening your windows to allow a fresh breeze to fill your home. This can be invigorating and relaxing, but opening your windows can invite more than a soft breeze into your home. If you're not careful you may end up with a whole house full of unwanted visitors. In addition to great weather, Florida is home to a whole host of flying pests, some which carry disease. The best way to enjoy that relaxing breeze and keep your home pest free is to invest in quality window screens and screened doors. Remember each year to check each window and door for cracks and holes large enough for bugs to get through, and replace whichever screens are not doing the job any more.

## 2. Keep Your Food In The Kitchen

A great way to keep pests out of your house is to avoid tempting them with snacks. Ants in particular have a highly advanced sense of smell and can detect crumbs and open food containers better than you can. While you go out of your way to ensure that your kitchen is clean by wiping down countertops and sealing food containers, you may not realize the other places where your family's snacks are becoming snacks for pests.

Perhaps you're wondering why Rover hasn't had much of an appetite lately. Well, it turns out that the bowl of half eaten dog or cat food can easily become dinner for hungry pests as well. Do your best to keep your pets on a regular meal schedule so that food doesn't sit out for hours at a time.



Another common culprit are the members of your family, most often young children, who bring snacks with them from room to room and inevitably drop crumbs on the floor. This can be a difficult issue to control, however by setting guidelines about where meals (including snacks) can be eaten you may put an end to the wandering snackers in the family. Help your kids build good habits by eating all of your family at the table, and be less likely to leave food lying around in other rooms of the house.

### 3. Seal Up Any Entry Points

This may be easier said than done, but if you have a stream of pests coming into your home through the same entry point, it's time to shut the door. [Do some investigation to see where exactly these bugs are entering your home](#) and take the necessary measures to seal it up. This will probably require some further research outdoors. Check for siding that is no longer secure as well as potential entry points where your electrical, plumbing, or other exterior wiring enter into your home.

### 4. Keep Your Lawn Tidy and Trees Trimmed

Most pests love dark, warm, and damp environments and your overgrown yard and untrimmed trees are providing just what they're looking for. Not only may you be cultivating a home for ants and spiders, but [you may unintentionally be inviting termites to your home](#). Termites eat wood, and particularly enjoy that rotting firewood piled up right next to your home, or that pile of dead branches that you haven't gotten around to cleaning up. Take a walk around your yard and notice all that places in which you may be inviting unwanted pests onto your property. And take a moment to trim back your trees to let some sunlight into your yard and dry up those cozy damp corners that have been an inviting place for bugs to hang out.

### 5. Have Your Home Professionally Treated

Even after you've assessed your home and yard for unwanted pests [there is absolutely no substitution for regular, professional pest control service](#). With consistent treatments you can get ahead of your pest problems and say "no more" to the seemingly endless fight against infestation. Unlike DIY products, professional grade products are stronger, and when used properly by a pest control expert can treat problem areas without posing risk to your children, pets, or yard. If you've tried everything and can't get to the bottom of your problems, [it's high time to call a professional pest control company in to help!](#)

Pest control is ultimately the combination of your effort and your pest control company's expertise. Effort alone won't solve your problems, but paired with years of experience and high quality professional solutions you'll be off to the races. When looking for the right pest control company it's always best to find a locally owned team with decades of experience serving homes like yours in your community. At Holder Termite and Pest Control we treat every family and every home as we would our own. [Call us today for more information](#) on how can help you keep your home pest free.

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