

Typical First Strikes by Housekeeping/Maintenance

1. Practice proper sanitation. — Properly install doorsweeps. Reduce or remove all debris, mulch, leaves, rocks, wood, food, garbage, manure, weeds, tall grass, boxes, paper, grass clippings, brush and/or any other moisture-retaining items around and inside structures. Mow grass regularly.
2. Practice proper exclusion and habitat reduction. Raise garbage cans above the ground on concrete pads or bricks. Throw in some citronella/geraniol beads. Routinely clean gutters.
3. Caulk and seal the structure. Properly screen doors and windows and install door sweeps.
4. Inside: Routinely clean, remove clutter and lower the humidity. Then lightly dust with talcum powder or medicated body powder or, better yet, Safe Solutions, Inc. food-grade diatomaceous earth (DE).
5. Reduce lighting outside or install yellow or sodium vapor lights.
6. Vacuum up all visible pests.
7. Glue traps or sticky-side-up duct tape or double-sided carpet tape can be used to catch them inside and outside.
8. Routinely spray neem oil or garlic oil and citrus oil and/or clean with diluted Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint (1 oz. to 3 oz. per 1 gal. water) and/or spray Not Nice to Bugs® or spray with 1 oz. Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner per 1 qt. water.
9. You can make a bait using corn meal or beer and diluted borax, but you must keep this bait out of the reach of people, pets and wildlife. Try food-grade DE or aspartame in your bait instead.
10. Crickets will not climb up the shiny side of duct tape and will stick to the sticky side of duct tape.
11. Install free-range Guinea fowl.
12. Dry out damp areas with vents, fans, dehumidifiers an/or air conditioning.
13. Make cricket traps. — Take a clean jar; cover the outside with cloth or masking tape. Create a solution of water and molasses and a dash of soap and then fill one-third of the jar with the solution. Place the trap where you have seen or heard crickets. Routinely empty and refill the trap.
14. If you are still having problems, read the rest of the chapter.

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