

## THE PROBLEM WITH ROACHES

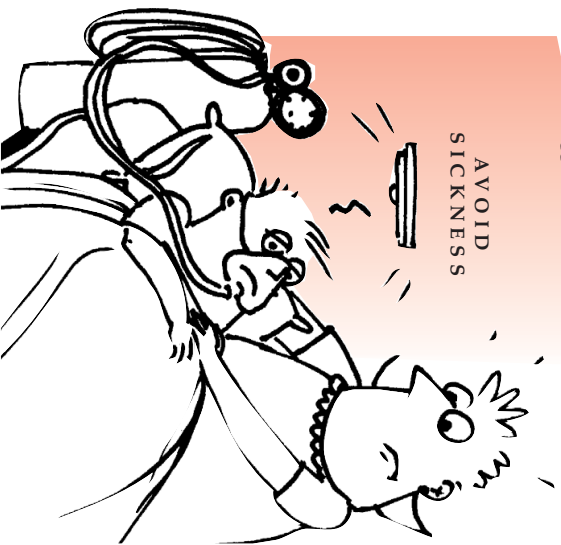
It is important to control roaches. Roaches can spoil food. Cover food tightly, so roaches cannot get to it.

PUT  
FOOD AWAY



Roaches can also make you sick. Roaches droppings pollute the air inside your home and trigger asthma attacks in children.

AVOID  
SICKNESS



The following 4 steps will help you control roaches and protect your health.

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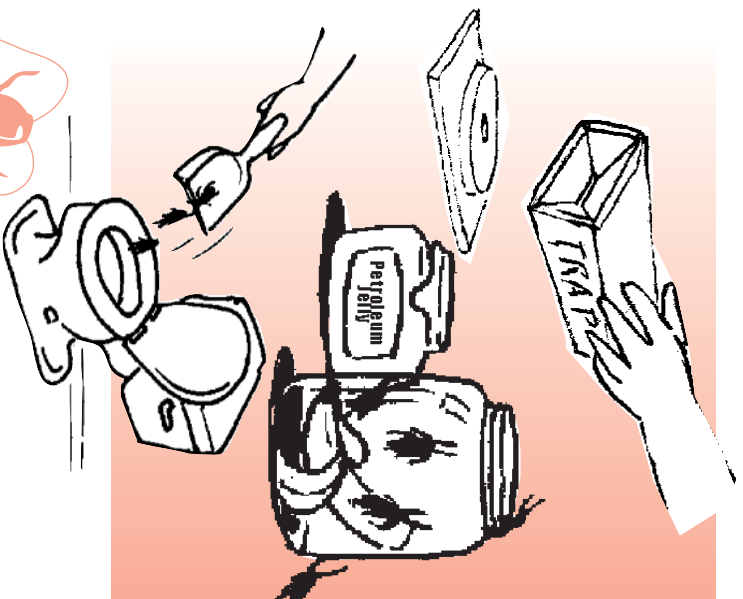
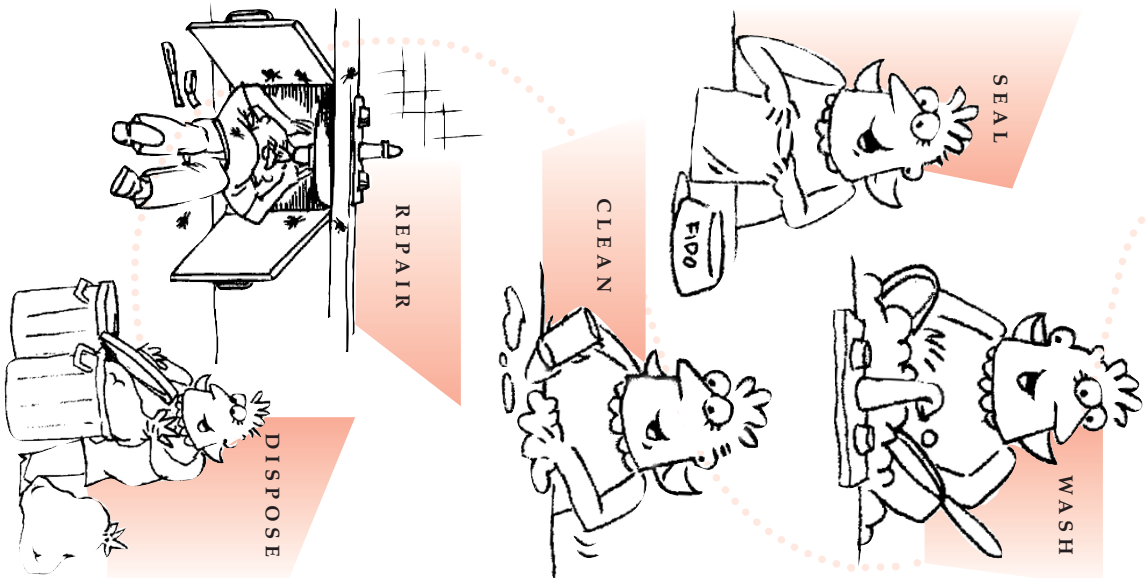
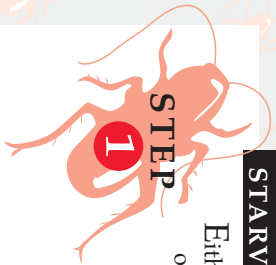


**HEALTHY**  
Roaches  
are in my  
house!



## STARVE ROACHES!

Either throw garbage out each night or seal garbage tightly in a sack or can. Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight. Do not leave pet food out overnight. Clean up food spills and crumbs. Roaches like water so repair leaks promptly.



## STEP 2

### USE BAIT AND TRAPS

Using bait and traps is the best way to control roaches. Bait comes in pre-made traps and in tubes. The University of Georgia recommends roach bait made with insect growth regulators such as hydramethylnon. "Maxforce" and "Combat" are two products with these ingredients. Place bait and traps out of the reach of children.

You can build a roach trap with a bottle, some petroleum jelly, and a small piece of potato or other food to attract roaches. Smear petroleum jelly on the inside of the bottle rim and place some food inside. Banana skins, grapes, bread, and other foods also work well in attracting roaches. Keep fresh food in the trap. Place traps in corners or against walls. Keep traps in place until you catch no roaches for a week or more. Pour about one inch of water into the trap along with a little dishwashing soap. Cap the jar and shake it. Flush the contents and the roaches down the toilet. Rinse and dry the jar thoroughly and make the trap again.

## BE CAREFUL

Never use outdoor (garden-lawn) pesticides for roach control. Do not bring pesticides home from work for roach control.



## STEP 4

### STORE SAFELY

Keep all pesticides out of the reach of children. Store pesticides, tightly sealed in their original containers, in a dry, locked cabinet away from children. Never expose pesticides to extreme heat or fire and never store them in or near a well.

