

**Gutters** 

Keep gutters and downspouts

clean, especially in the fall after the majority of the leaves have fallen.

## **Home Pest-Proofing Tips**

June is National Home Ownership Month and to celebrate **Nader's Pest Raiders**put together some simple tips you can take to help
protect your home and family from pests.



Seal all cracks, crevices and holes. Inspect insulation for adequate coverage and for signs of rodent droppings or harborage sites.

## **Caulking**

Make sure any gaps that appear around window frames are properly sealed.

## **Plumbing**

Repair any leaky pipes and seal cracks, holes and crevices in hidden areas under sinks.

#### **Trees**

Cut back tree branches and plants away from the home so they do not provide a bridge for insects to reach your home.

## Garbage

Avoid letting trash or recycling pile up. Keep bins sealed both indoors and outdoors.

## Carpet

Vacuum frequently

# Water Run-Off

Make sure water is channeled away from the foundation.

## **Pet Food**

Store pet foods in sealed containers. Limit the time the food is out.

#### **Snacks**

If food is carried to other rooms, remove dishes as soon as possible after eating.

#### Kitchen

Make sure all food is securely stored and sealed. Wipe counters frequently to remove any food debris.

#### **Foundation Exterior**

Seal cracks, crevices and gaps in the foundation around the entire perimeter of your home, especially where wires and pipes enter the structure.

## Standing Water

Eliminate sources of standing water, since it can provide a breeding ground for insects.

#### **Firewood**

Stack wood at least ten feet away from the house to eliminate harborage for rodents, snakes, spiders and centipedes.

## **Crawlspace**

Screen all vents to prevent insect and wildlife entry. Remove all cellulose debrise, as it can harbor insects and is a food source for termites.

### **Wood to Earth Contact**

All wood in contact with soil, such as fences and deck posts, is an entry point for pests and termites.