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Pest Control

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Pests are unwanted plants, animals, insects, germs or other organisms that interfere with human activity. They may bite, destroy food crops, damage property, or otherwise make our lives more difficult.



Effective pest control requires some knowledge about the pest and its habits. The first step is to **identify** the pest correctly; the second step is to **learn** about its lifestyle. After that, you can evaluate strategies to **control** your pest.

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Identify Your Pest



Learn About Your Pest



Control Your Pest

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