## Pest Control in and around your home

Keep insects and other critters out of your home. The most common home invaders include ants of all sizes, earwigs, flies, carpenters (also known as sowbugs), mice, rats and sometimes bedbugs.

Take steps to ensure infestation is dealt with as soon as possible.

A pesticide includes: an insecticide, rodenticide, fungicide, or herbicide that is registered by Health Canada under the Pest Control Products Act. It is also any substance or mixture of substances that is used to kill or control insects, rodents, fungi and weeds or other plants.

## Did you KNOW?

 A pest control company MUST have a valid pesticide operator licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation C when a pesticide material is being used.



- Pesticide applicators MUST be licenced, certified individuals who are knowledgeable about the material they are using.
- Pesticide applicators MUST be able to explain any potential hazard associated with the material they apply to control the pest, be it a dandelion, mouse, bedbug or any other insect.

## A pesticide operator licence is NOT required when:

- Adding topsoil, fertilizer, limestone, or seeding a lawn;
- setting mousetraps, vacuuming, cleaning an infested area; and/or
- sealing mouse holes, cracks and other points of entry for pests.

If you are having pesticides applied in or around the home, it is your responsibility to ask to see a copy of the pesticide operator and applicator licence. DO NOT allow an applicator to apply pesticide materials to kill or control insects or rodents within your living area without a licence.

A list of licenced pesticide operators can be found at: www.gov.nl.ca/env/env\_protection/pesticides/business/active.html

## Contact us for information about pesticides or how to control pests without the use of pesticides

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