



## Keep Pests Away on a **RAINY DAY**

It may seem ironic, but one thing you can count on in the Sunshine State is a rainy summer! While great for your lawn, too much rain can cause pests to seek shelter in your home. Here's what you can do to keep your home pest-free during this stormy season.

### **Guard the Gutters**

Leaves in your gutters can support ant colonies and shelter pests like the American roach. When the rains come, these rooftop residents are sent scurrying to soffits and window seals. By clearing your gutters regularly and trimming trees away from the roof, you'll reduce the odds of an aerial invasion.



### **Close the Gap**

Check for holes on the exterior of the home around vents and soffits, and the garage door seal. Caulk any cracks in your stucco, paying careful attention to areas around pipe chases and hose bibs. Even hairline cracks will allow moisture and the insects that follow.



### **Cut the Clutter**

It's important to make your home inhospitable to reduce the chance of an infestation. Reduce clutter, especially in highly vulnerable areas. "Cardboard boxes are pest magnets – especially for roaches," says Joe Tomasiello, our resident Associate Certified Entomologist. "I always advise against their use in the home."

Using sealable plastic storage bins is an effective way to prevent pests from getting too cozy!



### **Toughen the Turf**

Your home isn't the only place vulnerable to pests during the rainy season. An overly-saturated lawn can develop disease, fungus, and pest problems too. Grubs thrive in areas with excess moisture, and this can further damage root development. Check the weather regularly to avoid overwatering, and, if you're a Deans lawn customer, look for watering recommendations from your technicians.

If you're noticing more pests this rainy season, call Deans right away. When it comes to protecting your home and lawn... we've got you covered rain or shine!

