



## Carpet/Clothes Moth Treatment

### Key Facts

- It is in its larval stage that the moth causes damage to carpets and clothes. In its adult stage its sole purpose is to breed and lay the next generation of larvae.
- The larvae will only eat natural fibres, and the most common types of these found in the home are wool, cotton, linen and silk. Wool is their favourite.
- Larvae prefer to attack the carpet fibres under static furniture as it's the safest place. Always move your furniture around to locate areas that need treating.
- The adult moth lays between 200-300 eggs and this is their final act before dying.

### Preparation

- Remove all clothes, rugs and curtains made of natural fibres from the affected rooms. All removed items must either be washed, dry cleaned or frozen (for a minimum of 24 hours). Anything made of natural fibres that you are unable to remove from the room must be sprayed.
- Move static furniture away from its normal position as all damaged areas will need to be accessible when vacuuming and spraying.
- Vacuum all areas thoroughly. Focus mainly of the areas damaged by the larvae but make sure the whole room has been vacuumed.

## Safety

- Always wear gloves, mask and fully enclosed shoes and thoroughly wash your hands after spraying.
- Wear eye protection if spraying above shoulder height.
- If you get insecticide on your skin or in your eyes wash immediately with fresh water. If there is any irritation seek medical advice.
- Only the person applying the treatment should be in the room while it is being carried out.
- Keep pets away at all times.
- If in doubt, read the instructions on the product packaging.

## Treatment

- Spray the entire carpet with insecticide, starting from the furthest point away from the door and working backwards. Also, spray any rugs or curtains that could not be washed, dry cleaned or frozen.

**WARNING** – if you are spraying above shoulder height you must wear eye protection. Also, make sure you are spraying with an outstretched arm and your face is well away from the end of the lance.

- Once you have finished spraying, keep out of the room for a minimum of 2 hours or until the carpet is completely dry.
- Washed items may now be returned to the room.
- Leave the insecticide on the carpet for 7 days. *Digrain Insecticlear* (as recommended) is a residual insecticide and it will carry on being effective for a long time after it has been applied.
- After 7 days, vacuum thoroughly every day for 3 days.
- If you see any moths after this 10-day period you will need to repeat the treatment. A heavy infestation may require more than one treatment before being fully eradicated.

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