

# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR INDOOR ROACHES

**SPRAGUE**

## COMMON ROACH HIDEOUTS

- 1 Behind the fridge
- 2 In the hinges of cabinets
- 3 Under the sink
- 4 Around the dishwasher
- 5 In grooves of drawers
- 6 Under stove



## ALL ABOUT INDOOR ROACHES

### WHERE ROACHES HIDE:

- **Harborage Sites:** Roaches prefer to hide in cracks, crevices, and voids, often referred to as harborage sites.
- **Ideal Conditions:** Many species favor locations with **moisture**, **warmth**, and **darkness** such as behind refrigerators, under sinks, and around hot water heaters.

### WHAT YOU'RE SEEING:

- **Adult Males and Older Nymphs:** These are usually the roaches you spot moving around your space.
- **Hidden Roaches:** Adult females with egg sacs and younger nymphs tend to stay hidden in harborage sites.
- **Ootheca (Egg Sacs):** Female roaches carry egg sacs called ootheca, which can contain **dozens of eggs**. Depending on the species, the female roach may carry the ootheca with her or deposit on a surface.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- **Remove Food and Moisture:** Eliminate any accessible food, water, and moisture sources that roaches are using.
- **Remove Harborage Sites:** Use caulk or sealant to close any gaps where roaches have been seen.

## ROACH TREATMENT EXPECTATIONS

- **Slow-Acting Treatment:** Roach treatments are designed to work slowly, allowing roaches to share the treatment with others inside and out of their harborage site.
- **Temporary Daylight Activity:** After treatment, you may see roaches during daylight hours. This is normal and temporary as their behavior briefly changes due to the treatment.
- **Full Elimination Timeline:** The treatment requires time to reach the entire population, and it can take up to **two weeks** for complete elimination.

**Your Sprague Route Manager will conduct an inspection, determine the species, and apply the appropriate treatment method.**