



**German Roach** at left – female in center has egg case attached. See egg case at bottom, and smaller nymphs. Small nymph hatches from egg and goes through several “molts” until it is an adult size.

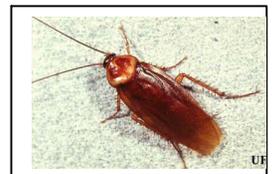
**Four types found in our area**

Roaches are among the most adaptable insects in the world. They have been able survive so many changing environments that today there are around 3500 different species. The most common in our area are the **German Roach, American Roach, Oriental Roach and Brown-banded Roach**. The American Roach is the largest. It is often seen outside in shrubbery in Southern States or Hawaii. In the Pacific Northwest we find them mainly in older downtown buildings and sub-basements.

The German Roach is much smaller and the most common. It is most likely to be found in kitchens and warm, moist areas, but can scatter almost anywhere. It is likely that the cockroach you find in your kitchen, bathroom, rental apartment, commercial kitchen or food packages is the German Cockroach. They are found throughout the world, can feed on most anything, can survive very hot and very cold temperatures and multiply rapidly. Anyone can get them and they are tough to get rid of. When conditions are right they can develop into huge numbers. And, since they are most active at night and can squeeze into small cracks they may not be noticed until you have lots of them.

**German Roaches have the ability to carry disease-producing organisms.** They may feed in drains, sink traps, sewers and other unsanitary places and then proceed to open food. **Studies now link them to allergies and asthma.** Control of roaches is difficult. Anyone can bring an adult roach or eggs into a home or business. Sanitation and environmental conditions play a role in whether they survive. Failure to control roaches often results from an inability to get to their nests with effective chemicals.

We can eliminate roaches from your home or business. We can do it safely and effectively. Give us a call for a free quotation and/or evaluation.



**When you need help**

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**American Roach**