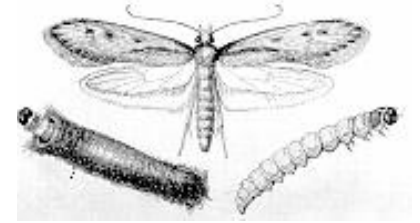




Clothes Moths and How to Control Them

Several moths fall into the category that we generically call “clothes moths.” The most common are the **webbing clothes moth, the casemaking clothes moth and the tapestry or carpet moth**. These are all small moths with a wingspread of less than a ½ inch. Their habits are different than most moths because they are rarely seen flying around lights at night. Rather, they prefer dark closets, attics or other areas and tend to live in dark corners. They remain quite inconspicuous.



Adults are unable to feed and it is the larval stage that damages fabrics. In houses, they are most frequently pests of clothing, carpets, rugs, upholstery fabrics, piano felts, brush bristles blankets, pet hair, furs, wool lint and stored wool or silk products.

The larvae of clothes moths prefer to feed in secluded and protected places. They may be found in lint, especially under baseboards and around door casing, under edges of carpeting, in and under upholstered furniture, in collections of animal hair, and anywhere food material may accumulate. Stored articles of woolen clothing and old furniture and rugs are common sources of continuing infestation.

Paratex maintains a vacuum fumigation chamber in Seattle just south of the downtown. We perform routine fumigations of wool carpets, clothing and other items that can be brought to the vault and left for approximately three days. For information about this process give us a call.

Elimination of moths in a residence or business can be accomplished safely and effectively by the professional application of materials by Paratex. The initial treatment requires you to remove items from closets and off floor areas. A series of follow up treatments may be needed, depending on the severity of the infestation and the environmental conditions. We would be pleased to offer you a free estimate for this service.

You should inspect stored woolen items carefully. Woolen clothing should be dry cleaned professionally. Clothes moths like dark areas and areas of carpet under furniture. Call your Paratex office for further information.



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