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Home Pest-Proofing Tips

June is National Homeownership Month and to celebrate **Hughes Exterminators** has put together some simple tips you can take to help protect your home and family from pests.

Attic
Seal all cracks, crevices and holes. Inspect insulation for adequate coverage and for signs of rodent droppings or harborage sites.

Caulking
Make sure any gaps that appear around window frames are properly sealed.

Gutters
Keep gutters and downspouts clean, especially in the fall after the majority of the leaves have fallen.

Trees
Cut back tree branches and plants away from the home so they do not provide a bridge for insects to reach your home.

Plumbing
Repair any leaky pipes and seal cracks, holes and crevices in hidden areas under sinks.

Carpet
Vacuum frequently

Garbage
Avoid letting trash or recycling pile up. Keep bins sealed both indoors and outdoors.

Water Run-Off
Make sure water is channeled away from the foundation.

Pet Food
Store pet foods in sealed containers. Limit the time the food is out.

Kitchen
Make sure all food is securely stored and sealed. Wipe counters frequently to remove any food debris.

Standing Water
Eliminate sources of standing water, since it can provide a breeding ground for insects.

Snacks
If food is carried to other rooms, remove dishes as soon as possible after eating.

Foundation Exterior
Seal cracks, crevices and gaps in the foundation around the entire perimeter of your home, especially where wires and pipes enter the structure.

Firewood
Stack wood at least ten feet away from the house to eliminate harborage for rodents, snakes, spiders and centipedes.

Crawlspace
Screen all vents to prevent insect and wildlife entry. Remove all cellulose debrise, as it can harbor insects and is a food source for termites.

Wood to Earth Contact
All wood in contact with soil, such as fences and deck posts, is an entry point for pests and termites.

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