

WHERE TO CHECK FOR PESTS BEFORE PESTS CHECK IN

► Common Pests

► Where You'll Find Them

► Prevention Tips

Room service, fresh linens and beautiful landscaping make hotels and motels hospitable to paying guests. Unfortunately, these same amenities can also attract pests. However, regular inspections and maintenance of common “hot spots” around your property can help keep

flies, mice, cockroaches, bed bugs and other unwelcome guests from checking in. Here is a brief guide to eight places you are likely to find pests and tips to help prevent pest problems in these areas.

LOBBY + OTHER ENTRANCES



► **COMMON PESTS:** Ants; cockroaches; flies; mosquitoes

► **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Near entryway plants; under doors; near cracks and gaps

► **PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Work with an HVAC professional to make sure air flows out of open doors and blows out pests.
- Install door sweeps and weather stripping around doors and windows. Keep doors shut when possible.
- Trim back foliage and branches at least two feet from the building exterior. Install a two-foot wide gravel strip around the immediate perimeter of the building.
- Reduce outside water sources around entrances.
- Use artificial plants and trees in the interior where possible.

GUEST ROOMS



► **COMMON PESTS:** Ants; bed bugs; cockroaches

► **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Bathrooms; ceiling fixtures; mattresses; headboards; under carpet

► **PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Ask housekeeping staff to keep an eye out for potential hiding places, such as buckling wallpaper or carpet that may attract pests. Immediately report any issues to maintenance.
- Remove headboards and inspect behind them for bed bugs every six to 12 months.
- Eliminate food debris and excess moisture during routine room cleanings.
- Train housekeeping staff to look for tiny, rust-colored stains on mattress tags and seams, bed skirts and under seat cushions during room cleanings. These stains are indicative of bed bugs.
- Immediately quarantine any bed bug-infested room(s) and any adjoining rooms for treatment.

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES, EXPERIENCE DOESN'T.

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KITCHEN

- **COMMON PESTS:** Cockroaches; flies; rodents; stored-product pests
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Inside incoming shipments; drains; storage and waste disposal areas; underneath or inside kitchen equipment; ceilings
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Seal all food containers tightly. Store dry foods away from the wall and off the floor. Rotate products from the storage area on a first in, first out basis.
 - Inspect all incoming shipments for signs of pests. Seal the areas behind appliances.
 - Line and cover trash cans. Remove waste on a regular basis.
 - Clean up spills immediately and regularly clean floors, drains and grease traps with an organic cleaner.



VENDING AREAS

- **COMMON PESTS:** Ants; cockroaches
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Under vending machines and leaky ice machines; near trash cans
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Immediately clean up food wrappers and drink spills.
 - Repair leaks from ice and beverage machines immediately.
 - Mop floors on a regular basis to remove food residue.
 - Line and cover trash cans.



POOL

- **COMMON PESTS:** Bees; cockroaches; mosquitoes; wasps
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Pool deck area, especially near foliage; locker room area
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Only allow food and drink in designated areas.
 - Eliminate standing water on or near the pool deck.
 - Immediately clean up food and drink spills and position covered trash cans nearby.



LAUNDRY

- **COMMON PESTS:** Cockroaches, rodents
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** Underneath and behind laundry machines; in towel/linen storage
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Thoroughly clean behind and underneath washers, dryers and cabinets on a regular basis.
 - Keep the laundry area free of lint and other debris to prevent micro fungal growth that can attract pests.
 - Immediately repair any water leaks.
 - Clean drains thoroughly every month with detergent and a brush.



LOADING DOCK

- **COMMON PESTS:** Birds; flies; rodents
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** In and around the loading dock
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Pressure wash the loading dock and surrounding pavement on a regular basis.
 - Install bird repellents on ledges and block off nesting areas on the roof.
 - Remove empty boxes and other debris to minimize potential rodent nesting sites.
 - Keep doors closed at all times when not in use to prevent pests from entering.
Consider installing double doors at frequently used entrances for added protection.
 - Seal all unnecessary openings with weather resistant sealant and mesh wire.



WASTE DISPOSAL AREA

- **COMMON PESTS:** Ants; cockroaches; flies; rodents
- **WHERE YOU'LL FIND THEM:** In and around dumpsters
- **PREVENTION TIPS:**
 - Frequently sanitize dumpsters and trash cans.
 - Position dumpsters as far away from the building as possible.
 - Rotate dumpsters on a regular basis.
 - Keep the dumpster area free of trash.

Your hotel amenities define the guest experience and can be the reason that guests choose to stay at your property over others in the market. While these value-added services earn you bookings, they may also attract unwanted pests to your property. Work with an experienced pest management provider like Waltham Pest Services™ to determine the best plan to protect your hotel and its reputation.



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