



Killroy Pest Control, Inc.

Preparation for the Extermination of Silverfish

Silverfish are one of the oldest species of insects in the world, and can be a problem year round.

Silverfish are about ½ inch long, with a silvery color over their top surface. Their bodies are long and slender, broad at the head with a gradual tapering toward the “tail”.

Silverfish prefer dark and moist environments (75-97% humidity). Some of their preferred habitats are basements, kitchens, sinks, bathtubs, bookcases, closet shelves, behind baseboards, wall voids, attics and sub-floors.

They require a large supply of starchy foods or molds to survive. This can include, but is not limited to paper, wallpaper glue, cereal, dry pet food, paper insulation, natural textiles, books and mold.

Silverfish are typically nocturnal, but also live in dark areas throughout the structures they inhabit.

They can be driven into the interior of a structure from the attic, via light fixtures and wall voids when the temperatures rise, and the humidity lowers.

Silverfish are difficult to eradicate without the customer's assistance. With our years of training and experience, Killroy has developed a special checklist for consumers to complete before and after the treatment process. When this checklist is followed, we find that not only are our treatments faster and more effective, but it also costs our customers less time, money and frustration.

People and pets may need to be out of the house or property for 4 hours during treatment. Here are the pre-treatment instructions:

Complete Prior to Our Arrival:

1. If you have been seeing them in the kitchen, remove all dishes, pots & pans, canned food, paper goods, etc. from kitchen counter tops, the sink, as well as closets throughout the kitchen. Items can be placed on the table and covered with a sheet or blanket. Inspect open foods (cereals, pastas etc.), for any signs of activity. If found, please remove to the outside trash area. Otherwise, non-affected open food can be stored in the refrigerator or discarded. Clean all shelves and **bookshelves** before your Killroy Pest Control technician treats them.
2. Clean shelves, or remove items from the floor in the closet area, if this is where your attic access is located. If possible, keep stored boxes of items in the attic to a minimum. This is a preferred habitat and food source.
3. Look for, and repair any water leaks. Silverfish love moisture and humidity.
4. Remove all pets, including birds. Fish tanks may be covered with a sheet or plastic material. Turn off the air pump in the fish tank. Seal all pet food.

Post-Treatment Instructions:

1. Upon re-entering your property ventilate the house by opening the windows. A slight chemical odor will be noticed, and is completely normal. It is harmless and will soon disappear.
2. Do NOT wash your cupboards. Doing so reduces the effectiveness of the treatment. It is suggested that you cover the shelves with shelf paper.
3. Do NOT spray or apply your own pesticides (RAID, Black Flag, etc.). It contaminates our materials and makes our process less effective.
4. As many as 14-30 days may have to elapse before control is effective because of the various life cycles and living habits of the insects.

**Our treatment will greatly reduce the numbers of Silverfish, but will probably not get 100% control.
This service is not guaranteed.**

Sanitation Tips for Better Pest Control:

- *Clean under and behind appliances.
- *Seal cracks and openings around pipes and under sinks.
- *Good sanitation is at least half of good pest control!