



Pest Control Best Practices:

The checklist to check your exterminator

Make sure your current pest control partner is maximizing the effectiveness of their services.

- Does the exterminator cycle the products?** Any follow up treatments should use a different product to prevent bed bugs and other pests from developing a resistance.
- Are they preparing the area before treatment?** For effective treatments, this may include: Pulling furniture away from the walls, removing bedding and cushions and possibly emptying cabinets.
- Are you charged for termite control?** Termites aren't a problem here in Maine, but many exterminators include termite control in their generic proposals because it is required in other states.
- Treating vacant units?** This service is largely ineffective. Without a food source (human blood or actual food), insects will remain in hiding, which means they don't emerge to interact with product treatments. If an empty unit **MUST** be serviced, a Co2 agent should be introduced for a successful treatment.
- A successful product treatment typically requires 2-3 applications**, each spaced 2-3 weeks apart. The first treatment ensures the elimination of any adult and juvenile insects, while follow-ups take care of the next generation that just hatched from eggs. **Extreme infestations often require a more intensive heat treatment.** This is a highly effective process that takes all day to be successful.

Our goal is to eliminate your pest problem, not just manage it.

While post-treatment monitoring and inspections are important to catch any resurgence early and to adapt strategies as needed, a bug problem should ultimately be resolved. The more often you treat, the more likely the insect will become resistant to the product or "bait-shy."

Choose a pest control partner who emphasizes long-term solutions for your property and occupants.

