

Residence Hall Pest Control

Keep your room clean, safe, and pest-free

Community housing is a shared responsibility. Florida's warm climate keeps pest pressure high year-round — small daily habits protect your room, your belongings, and your campus community.

05 PESTS TO KNOW | 04 DAILY HABITS | 01 WORK ORDER AWAY

01 COMMON PESTS IN STUDENT HOUSING



ANTS

Soda cans, sweet spills, and open snack bags



COCKROACHES

Warm electronics, cardboard, and crumbs



BED BUGS

Luggage, secondhand furniture, and laundry



FLIES & GNATS

Full trash cans and overwatered plants



SILVERFISH

Humid bathrooms, textbooks, and paper piles

02 THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP LIFE-CYCLE

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LOCK IT DOWN

Store food properly



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CLEAN IT UP

Trash + clutter out



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CHECK YOUR GEAR

Inspect after travel



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REPORT IT FAST

Submit a work order



03 BEST PRACTICES FOR A PEST-FREE ROOM



FOOD & SNACKS

- ✓ **Airtight storage** — Use bins with snap-tight lids for chips, cereal, ramen, and snacks.
- ✓ **Rinse recyclables** — Rinse soda cans, juice bottles, and coffee cups before binning.
- ✓ **No overnight dishes** — Wash mugs, bowls, and utensils right away — never leave them out.



ROOM HYGIENE

- ✓ **Trash out daily** — Don't let wrappers or pizza boxes pile up — use the chute or dumpster.
- ✓ **Declutter the floor** — Keep clothes, laundry, and delivery boxes off the floor.
- ✓ **Watch the plants** — Let soil dry slightly between waterings to prevent fungus gnats.



TRAVEL & LAUNDRY

- ✓ **Inspect after trips** — Check suitcase seams and zippers after travel or breaks.
- ✓ **Use high heat** — Wash and dry bedding regularly on a high-heat dryer cycle.
- ✓ **Keep windows screened** — Open windows only with a secure, undamaged mesh screen.

04 KEY AREAS TO WATCH & SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

TOP PRIORITY ZONES

- 📦 Shared micro-fridges & microwaves
- 🧺 Laundry rooms & hamper areas
- 🚿 Suite bathrooms & shower moisture
- 📦 Under-bed storage zones

SIGNS OF PEST ACTIVITY

- 🕒 Pepper-like specks on baseboards or inside drawers
- 🕒 Insect sightings near sinks or under electronics
- 🕒 Chewed holes in snack bags or cardboard boxes
- 🕒 Unexplained bites or irritation after sleeping

SCAN TO REPORT



IMPORTANT HOUSING DIRECTIVE — DO NOT DIY

Over-the-counter sprays, foggers, and retail traps are prohibited in Stetson residence halls — they scatter pests and interfere with professional treatment. If you spot pest activity, log a Housing Work Order immediately to get a prompt response.

