

Repel Cockroaches Naturally Using These Ingredients At Home

No one wants to see a cockroach running across the floor of their home. Cockroaches generally prefer to stay put of the light but they'll scuttle around if they have to. In fact, if you think you have a cockroach issue you should leave the room in darkness for 10 minutes and then quickly open the door and turn on the light, you'll see the disappearing.

But, it's more than just an unpleasant feeling. Cockroaches are known to carry several dangerous diseases, including cholera, dysentery, typhoid, [salmonellosis](#), and even the plague. In short, you don't want them in your house.

If you've seen them in your home you need to [click here](#) and get in contact with an expert who can eradicate the issue for you. It's not enough to kill the ones you see, you need to take care of all the ones in the nest. That's why you should get professional help. In fact, the best firms will even give you advice regarding how to help keep the cockroaches away from your home. This is perhaps more important than dealing with the issue, you don't want them returning to bother you.

If you have an issue and aren't sure who to contact then [click here](#).

The good news is that once the infestation is sorted you can repel cockroaches, you simply need to know the right ingredients to use.

Diatomaceous Earth

This white powder is actually a naturally occurring compound which is the fossilized remains of diatoms. These are single-

cell algae with hard shells that have died millions of years ago.

The great thing is that you can purchase food-grade diatomaceous earth and it is completely harmless to humans and pets. The powder can be easily mixed with any type of food, such as some cocoa powder. You then put this down so that the roaches can help themselves.

Unfortunately for them, once they consume this powder it starts to destroy their exoskeletons, effectively killing them. You will also have some success targeting the nest in this way as cockroaches will take the bait back to the nest with them, infecting more than one cockroach at a time.

Essential Oils

Peppermint oil is particularly effective when dealing with roaches. However, lavender oil, citronella, and other essential oils are effective when dealing with other pests.

Unfortunately, this doesn't have the same effect as diatomaceous earth. Instead of killing the cockroaches they simply don't like the scent and will stay away from it. You can mix a few drops of essential oil with a little water in a spray bottle and cover the internal perimeter of your home. It will help to keep the roaches away.

Catnip

You may be surprised to learn that roaches don't like catnip. Specifically, they don't like [nepetalactone](#) which is the active ingredient in catnip.

Again, this isn't something that will kill the roaches. But, placed in a variety of strategic positions around the home it will help to ensure they don't enter your home.