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Pantry Pests, Get Off Your Roof, Here is Your Range, & Caught with a Hand in the Cookie Jar

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PANTRY PESTS

Have you noticed some little tiny black bugs in your kitchen? They are probably "Pantry Bugs." Pantry bugs are tiny insects like beetles, weevils, moths, ants, and worms that can infest foodstuffs. These little pantry bugs live in flour, dried grains, cereal products, pasta, rice, spices, and powdered foods. Unfortunately, identifying and getting rid of pantry bugs is challenging. The little creepy crawlies are hard to spot, and their eggs are microscopic.

Unfortunately, pantry bugs usually get into your food at the warehouse, processing plant, during transportation, or in the store. So, chances are, you unwittingly brought the pests home yourself. Also, because the eggs are virtually undetectable, you may not notice the tiny black or brown bugs until you see them crawling around your pantry.

The best way to treat small pantry bugs is to discard contaminated foods and thoroughly clean all surfaces. Because disgusting tiny pantry bugs in the kitchen multiply quickly,

keeping dried or powdered foods in sealable, airtight containers can help prevent an infestation.

Pantry bugs may not bite you, and they don't carry disease, but the thought of ingesting tiny pantry pests like beetles, weevils, or moth eggs is enough to make you feel sick.



GET OFF YOUR ROOF

Street gossip has it that you are supposed to get on your roof, especially those in Courtyard Homes that may require gutters to be cleaned. Well, there is no regulation

that states you cannot get on your roof. However, older folks probably need a reminder to keep off ladders. Thus, if you know of a service that would clean gutters, report it to the office, and we can see if they would like to be part of the new Sponsored Businesses page that you can find on the Bell Tower Park website.



HERE IS YOUR RANGE

I get frustrated when I call a company to come and perform a service at my home. They usually give a range that just makes me mad. Like a range from 8:00 A.M. through 12:00 P.M. Well, if I'm not first on their list, they know they will not be at my house at 8:00 A.M., so why don't they give me a more realistic range, like 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.? Seems like some businesses will give you a range like Tuesday, between 8:00 A.M. and sometime next month...but they want you to be waiting for them to arrive whenever they decide to show up.



CAUGHT WITH A HAND IN THE COOKIE JAR

I observed that someone was walking their dog one morning, and after the dog did their business, the dog walker observed neighbors on both sides of the dog. Not being prepared with a "doggie bag" in their hand, they quickly went and got a 13-gallon kitchen bag to pick up the poop. Obviously, that person never had any intention to pick up the poop. Do you think it would be a good idea for all walkers to carry a "doggie bag," and when they see a dog walker without a bag in their hand, you could offer the dog walker a bag?

