

Pest Control Expert Brittany Thacker Shares Home Preparation Tips Before Treatment in HelloNation Magazine

What should homeowners do to get their house ready before a pest control appointment?

JASPER, GA, UNITED STATES, October 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What should homeowners do to prepare their house for a pest control appointment? According to pest control expert Brittany Thacker of Daniel & Lawson Pest Control, a few small actions ahead of time can significantly improve the effectiveness of professional pest treatment. Thacker outlines these steps in a feature article for [HelloNation](#), where she shares a straightforward pest-control visit checklist to help ensure pest technicians can do their job thoroughly and safely.

Thacker emphasizes that pre-treatment pest control steps begin outside the home. Pests such as ants, spiders, and rodents are commonly drawn to outdoor clutter. Firewood stacks, leaf piles, and overgrown vegetation can serve as ideal hiding places and should be removed from around the house's foundation. Leaving a clear perimeter not only limits pest shelter options but also improves the pest technician's access to potential entry points.

Inside the home, preparation is equally important. Thacker explains that the most effective treatments happen when technicians can inspect and treat areas where pests are active. This includes kitchens, bathrooms, utility areas, and basements. Moving furniture or storage bins away from walls allows technicians to apply treatments properly and spot signs of activity, such as droppings or nests.

While cleanliness is helpful, Thacker notes that homeowners should avoid over-cleaning before the visit. Wiping down counters and vacuuming is good practice, but erasing evidence of pest activity may unintentionally hide problem areas. Allowing the technician to observe the visible signs of an infestation can lead to a more targeted and successful treatment.



Brittany Thacker



Regular maintenance and clear access can make every treatment more successful."

Brittany Thacker, General Manager

Another key point in pest control home preparation involves pet safety. Thacker recommends securing or removing pets, including aquariums and pet bedding, from the treatment areas before technicians arrive. Some treatments may require animals to be kept away for a period afterward, so it's best to ask for specific instructions.

Communication also plays a vital role. If a homeowner has heard scratching in the walls, seen ants in the kitchen, or noticed droppings in a particular area, sharing these details with the technician can speed up problem detection. Knowing where to look saves time and allows the technician to apply treatments more precisely.

After a treatment, homeowners should try to avoid disrupting the treated areas. Cleaning floors or baseboards too soon can reduce the treatment's effectiveness. According to Thacker, maintaining clear access and avoiding excessive cleaning in the days following a visit can help pesticides work as intended.

The overall message is that simple, intentional preparation before a pest control visit can lead to better results and reduce the likelihood of future infestations. From removing clutter to opening key spaces in the home, each action contributes to a safer, more effective treatment. Brittany Thacker's complete list of expert tips on how to prepare for pest control visits is featured in HelloNation Magazine. The article, "[How to Prepare for Pest Control: Expert Tips From a Pest Technician](#)," highlights practical, easy-to-follow steps that help homeowners get the most out of every pest control service visit.

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