Why Are There Bugs in My House?

All living things need food, water and shelter to survive. Insects are small and require few resources to become pests indoors. To prevent pest issues, consider the resources you may be providing in your home.

Things you can do to reduce pests in your home:

- **Remove FOOD sources**
  - Sanitize food areas
  - Store human and animal food in air tight containers
  - Consume oldest food first
  - Take trash and compost outside

- **Take away WATER**
  - Fix plumbing issues
  - Unclog drains
  - Use dehumidifier
  - Maintain appliance drip pans
  - Don't leave standing water in plant pots and saucers
  - Clean downspouts and gutters

- **Reduce HARBORAGE**
  - De-clutter indoors and outdoors
  - Dispose of trash promptly
  - Trim tree branches back from home
  - Reduce vegetation and firewood next to building

- **Stop pest ENTRY**
  - Seal utility holes and gaps
  - Weatherstrip doors and windows
  - Repair damaged window screens
  - Install vent and chimney screens

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