Preface

It has been more than 10 years since the first edition of the Cockroach Control Manual was completed. While the basic steps for effective and safe cockroach control are still the same, there are more types of control products available than there were 10 years ago. This means you have even more choices in your arsenal to help fight roaches.

The *Cockroach Control Manual* is a practical reference for persons who have had little or no training in insect identification, biology or control methods. We know most people want low toxic methods used inside their homes so we are emphasizing low-risk strategies even more than in the original edition.

We have read enough scientific literature to understand just how easy it would have been to overwhelm you with technical information. Our goal is to translate scientific jargon into everyday English so this manual is easy to read and understand. If you study this manual from cover to cover, you will be able to better understand cockroach biology and behavior and will be able to conduct a successful cockroach control program.

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