Background Information about Cockroaches:
Cockroaches are typically introduced into the home when the environment provides food, warmth and moisture. Since cockroaches flourish where food and moisture are readily available, sanitation is an important step in prevention and control. Unlike many household pests, cockroaches are prevalent year-round and require professional services in order to gain effective control.

About Today’s Service Call:
During our service we employed one or more of the following control measures based upon our findings:

- Physical removal of live cockroaches
- Physical removal of food debris responsible for attracting roaches
- Application of baits in areas prone to roach activity and areas where roach activity was observed
- Application of Insect Growth Regulators (IGR’s) to stimulate feeding on cockroach baits and interfere with the ability of cockroaches to develop and reproduce.

Our findings and recommendations will be reported to Rutgers University Housing to ensure that the roach activity is controlled in an effective and efficient manner.

What Should You Expect:
1. Decrease in Activity Within 3–7 Days:
   Cockroach populations should be reduced by 75%-85% within the first week.

2. Sporadic Activity (mostly very small roaches) Over the Next 30 Days
   Roach egg cases are carried and protected by pregnant female roaches. These pregnant females are inactive and are not affected by our control efforts until their egg cases are hatched. As soon as the egg cases hatch, the adult female and her offspring will readily feed on baits that have been applied and will be eliminated very quickly (several days). Roach egg cases will continue to hatch over the next 30 days. As a result you may see spikes of roach activity (mostly small roaches and an occasional larger roach) until all of the egg cases hatch.

3. Call your Campus Housing Office If:
   - If you do not experience a significant decrease in roach activity (75% -85%) within one week. Please note that you may see activity on and off, mostly small roaches, for up to one month following today’s visit
   - If you continue to see any roach activity after 30 days from today’s visit.

What Can You Do to Help?
The best way to discourage these pests to harbor is to eliminate possible sources of food and shelter!

- Eliminate as much clutter as possible. DO NOT STORE PAPER BAGS OR CARDBOARD.
- Don’t leave open food or dirty dishes out overnight or while you are away in classes, visiting friends etc.
- Do not leave open containers of food on counters or cabinets
- Keep your trash can and the area around the trash can clean and remove trash on a regular basis
- Keep the counters and floor clean especially under & behind micro-fridges, refrigerators, ovens, sinks etc.
- Contact your campus Housing office if roach activity has not been significantly reduced within 1 week of today’s visit or if after 30 days you continue to see any roaches
- If you call your Campus Housing Office for service, please be specific in describing where you have seen activity.