Roach sprays do **not** work. Sprays can make asthma **worse**.

Sprays can be harmful to health.

Instead of spraying:
1) Make changes to your home to **starve-out**, **dry-out** and **keep-out** roaches.
2) Use safer pest control products and methods.
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**Starve Them Out**

Roaches like to stay in places where they can find food. If they can't find food they probably will leave.

- Keep drawers, cabinets and counter tops free of food and clutter.
- Clean up spills and crumbs.
- Seal bags and containers of food.
- Cover trash. Don't leave food out overnight.

**Dry Them Out**

Roaches can't live without water to drink. Get rid of standing water all over the house.

- Fix leaky faucets and pipes.
- Always drain water from sink and bath after use.
- Keep drains clear of water and garbage.
- Keep all areas of the house clean and dry, including the basement, kitchen, and bathrooms.

**Keep Them Out**

Stop roaches from becoming a problem. Keep them out of your house.

- Keep your house clean and in order.
- Put screens over vents and pipes that open to outside.
- Seal cracks and openings with caulk along baseboards, behind sinks, and around windows.
- Vacuum and mop your floors regularly.

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Use safer and more effective pest control products – **Borate Powders** and **Roach Baits**.

Use small amounts. Place where children can’t reach. Put where roaches hide and eat. Follow instructions on label.

**Borate Powders**
- Apply behind walls, shelves, sinks and cabinets.
- Put where they will stay dry.
- Use a very light dusting. Seal in with caulk.

**Roach Bait**

**Gel bait**
- It comes in a small syringe. Squeeze little dots at edges and corners in cabinets, under appliances and near plumbing.

**Bait Stations**
- Place several small plastic stations in areas where you see roaches. Place along baseboards and in corners.
How Roach Baits Work . . .

Roaches smell the bait.

Roaches eat the bait.
Poisoned roaches return home.

Poisoned roaches die and...
...Other roaches eat the dead roach.

ROACH BAITS WORK!
Those roaches are poisoned and die too!