Most spiders you see in your home are not dangerous and don’t bite. Spiders don’t spread germs and because they eat bugs, they can be good to have around.

Getting rid of spiders

• The easiest way to get rid of spiders and their webs is to **vacuum them up**.

• **Catch spiders in a container**, cover the container with a piece of paper, and let them go outside.

• **Get rid of the bugs they’re eating.** If fruit flies are a problem, keep fruit in the fridge or in closed paper bags. Let your building manager know if there are holes in screens or other places bugs could be using to get in your home.

If you see a spider, do not use pesticides. Tell your building manager about any cracks or holes spiders may use to come into your home. Ask that they trim bushes and trees that are touching the walls around your home.

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For more information on managing pests, go to www.ourwaterourworld.org/FactSheets.aspx