

## Spiders - Typical First Strikes by Housekeeping & Maintenance

1. Control the lighting that attracts their food, e.g., flying insects, and reduce the humidity with dehumidifiers, air conditioners, vents, fans, sump pumps and/or vapor barriers. Control their food.
2. Remove all trash and rubbish, e.g., wood piles, tires, trash cans, etc. from your property, especially next to the building. Then seal all cracks, crevices and other openings so the spiders can not enter; then remove all hiding places, e.g., heavy ground covers, ivy, piled items, rocks, debris and/or trash outside and then all clutter inside. Replace mercury vapor lights with sodium vapor lights and/or bug lights.
3. Vacuum up all visible spiders, webs and/or egg sacs (300 hundred spiders may be in one egg sac).
4. Routinely clean with (1 oz. per gal. water and/or spray with 1 oz. per qt. water) Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint and/or borax. Use a dehumidifier, fans and properly install vents.
5. Spray spray Not Nice to Bugs® or straight 5% white distilled vinegar with a teaspoon of coconut oil to help remove and prevent spider webs. Remove heavy vegetation, especially ivy ground covers and clutter. Remove their prey.
6. Routinely steam clean or vacuum the entire area. Do not store clothes, packages, vacuums, materials for extended periods of time without cleaning them all and/or sealing them in plastic.
7. Lightly sprinkle talcum or medicated body powder or Comet® or food-grade DE in sill boxes and along walls, etc., or draw a line barrier with Safe Solutions Chalk De-Fence™.
8. To avoid being bitten in bed, pull the bed away from the wall and do not let covers touch the ground. Wrap the bed legs with double-sided carpet tape or cover with petroleum jelly. See Bed Bug First Strikes.
9. Shake and carefully inspect anything, e.g., boots, gloves, toys, skates, clothing, before you put them on.
10. Try spraying them with rubbing alcohol or hair spray, or lightly dusting the infested areas (and webs) with Safe Solutions, Inc. food-grade diatomaceous earth (DE).
11. Replace or move artificial lights that attract spiders and their prey.
12. Place double-sided carpet tape or duct tape sticky-side up where you want to trap spiders.
13. If you still are seeing spiders, read the entire chapter.

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