

# Pest Proofing Your Home for the Holidays

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With the holidays coming up quickly, it is important for everyone to make sure that their home is ready for all of the celebrations. One of the most commonly overlooked issues that homeowners have to deal with involves pests. When it comes to pet-proofing your home for the holidays, there are a few key tips to keep in mind.

## Focus on the Green Decorations in the Home

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Many people like to use natural decorations during the holidays. These include evergreen trees, Christmas wreaths, and other green decorations. These are a prime spot for pests to make their home. When you are decking the halls with green decorations, there's nothing wrong with using natural items to decorate your home; however, you also need to inspect them first to make sure that there are no pests that are hiding out in them. ***Simply shake them and see if there are any insects that fall out of them. Some of the other signs of pest infestations include spider egg sacs, webs, and rodent chewing marks.***

## Be Careful When Unpacking Decorations

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If you're bringing down holiday decorations in the attic, remember that they have been up there for almost 12 months. Given that the attic is one of the most common places that pests will make their home, they might have made their home in your decorations. Therefore, be careful when you are unpacking decorations. If you are using cardboard boxes or plastic bags, remember that these are easy to chew through. ***Look for dead***

***pets, droppings, or other marks that indicate they have been infested.*** It is a great idea to take her decorations outside and unpack them there to prevent these insects and rodents from getting loose and the rest of your home.

## **Think About Where the Firewood Is Stored**

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If you're using a natural fireplace, then you might be bringing in firewood from the outside. It is a good idea to try to ***store your firewood at least 20 feet away from the home. Furthermore, try to keep the firewood on a raised surface.*** When you take these steps, it will be much harder for pests to make their way into the woodpile. Often, pests will attach themselves to your firewood and make their way into the home when you carry them inside.

## **Be Careful With Food Storage**

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When you are celebrating the holidays, there is a good chance that you are going to have a few fancy meals planned. These big meals often lead to leftovers. ***Make sure that all of the food is properly sealed and stored.*** Be sure that pests do not become attracted to them. Try to store these leftovers in the refrigerator or shelves that are above ground level. Furthermore, make sure that any crumbs and spills are cleaned up as well.

## **Rely on the Professionals from Legacy Pest Control in Salt Lake City Utah**

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If you are looking for preventative pest control measures, then put these pest control prevention tips to use. Furthermore, rely on a professional exterminator in Salt Lake City UT to protect your home for the holidays. We are among the best Utah pest control services in the area. Contact us today to learn more about our services!