

RICE WEEVILS



Rice weevils are tiny insects, typically brown-black in colour. They are found in rice and other stored products such as wheat, corn, bread, nuts and cereal.

Are they harmful to human?

Rice weevils do not bite human or spread any disease/infection. But, they can lead to commercial damage by destroying stored food products.

What does rice weevil eat?

Rice weevils feed on rice kernels. Owing to this feeding behavior, you might notice tiny holes in the grains.

What to do if you have a rice weevil infestation?



- ▷ Dispose the infested food products.
- ▷ Keep the non-infested food products in air-tight containers.
- ▷ Clean the infested area thoroughly before storing food products again.

How to prevent them?

- ▷ Inspect grain products when buying.
- ▷ Rice weevil tend to reside in items that has not been used. Hence, buy them in a small quantity and consume within a realistic period.
- ▷ Clean pantry often and store grain products in air-tight container as rice weevil is tiny and can crawl through small gaps of the unsealed container.
- ▷ Place dried chilies around the pantry. The strong-smelling dried chilies helps repel the rice weevils.

