



# CARPET BEETLES

Carpet beetles are commonly found in warehouses and homes. They usually found in wool carpets and rugs. Carpet beetle are often confused with bed bugs due to their resembles. Unlike bed bugs, carpet beetle do not bite and are not blood-feeders.

## WHERE DO THEY LIVE

Carpet beetle prefer to live and feed in dark shaded area. They infest on carpets, furniture, coats, clothing, blankets and pillows.

## HOW CAN I GET CARPET BEETLES

Carpet beetle can enter indoor through tiny access openings or brought in together with other items. They may also be moved into your home via cut flowers or plants.

## CARPET BEETLES ARE NOT BED BUGS

Both pests cause the similar red itchy blotches on our skin. However, bed bugs cause of itchy welts is from their bites while carpet beetle cause is from the larvae bristle hair. In term of appearance, carpet beetles have white and yellowish-brown scales while bed bugs are reddish brown in colour.

## POSSIBLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY CARPET BEETLES

The larval stage of carpet beetle is destructive. A larvae feeds on fabric, soiled clothes and other material such as silk, leather, fur, wool, and feather. Typically, they can damage your clothing, carpet, blanket, and pillow.



## Control Measures

Vacuum the area to remove potential carpet beetle food sources, the eggs, larvae as well as the adults. After vacuuming, dispose the bags promptly.

Dry and regular cleaning is required to eliminate accumulation of lint, hairs, and other debris which are the food sources of carpet beetle larvae.

Thorough laundering washable items in hot water can help to kill all stages of carpet beetles.