Oriental Cockroach:
• Also known as “waterbugs”; peak in summer; common around decomposing organic matter and moist areas.
• Adults: 1½ inch long; black, shiny.

German Cockroach:
• Most common species in homes.
• Adults: ½ inches long; 2 dark stripes on pronotum. Can move through very small spaces.
• Egg case: 1/3 inch long, tan.

Brown-Banded Cockroach:
• Prefer warmer areas of homes.
• Adults: ½ inch long; two light bands across wing base and abdomen.
• Egg case: purse shaped, light brown, cemented to sides and undersides of infested objects.

American Cockroach:
• Most common species found in commercial buildings.
• Adults: 1 ½ inches long; reddish-brown with pale band on edge of pronotum.
• Egg case: brown when laid, turns black in 1 to 2 days.

Guidelines for Control
• Clean up any accessible food sources – including crumbs behind the stove, microwave, refrigerator & inside cabinets.
• Immediately clean up & put away dirty dishes.
• Take out trash bags and recycling regularly.
• Dry any standing water around sinks, tubs and toilets.
• Caulk around plumbing in adjoining apartments.
• Use bait stations, gel formulations and/or sticky traps for additional control.
• Consider hiring a pest control professional for additional safety and effectiveness.

Remember: When using pesticides, always read and follow all directions on the pesticide product label!

Cockroach Transmitted Diseases
ASTHMA: certain proteins in cockroach feces, saliva, and body parts trigger allergic reactions and asthma symptoms.
SALMONELLA: Can cause gastroenteritis and typhoid fever.
E COLI: causes serious food poisoning.