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## **Pest Control of Silverfish**









**Silverfish** are a starch feeder they damage (eat) paper, fabrics, glues and other organic materials. They may also damage silk and some synthetic fabrics, but they usually avoid woollens.

Habitat: Silverfish habit underused areas, such as roof spaces, storage rooms, basements, wall cavities, and bookcases but may roam widely throughout a building. Silverfish prefer to live in dark quiet places and are most active at night.

**Sinks, toilets & bathtubs:** People often find silverfish in their home in sinks, toilets and bathtubs because they have fallen in and become trapped while seeking moisture.

**Infestations:** Silverfish infestations can start when their eggs, nymphs (young ones), or adults are brought into the home in infested cardboard boxes, cartons, furniture or similar items.



## **Inspection • Treatment • Cost**

**Inspection:** We recommended a thorough inspection first be carried out by the pest control professional to determine likely and observed habitat locations, the extent of the infestation and control methods neccessary.

**Treatment:** The roof void and wall cavities should be treated with a synthetic pyrethroid dust using

specialised "dust blower" equipment. Other areas such as basements, storage rooms and the like can be treated with a synthetic pyrethroid spray.

**Cost:** A professional pest control service for silverfish control varies depending on the size of the prpoperty and extent of infestation. We use safer synthetic pyrethroid insecticides are used.

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