



STICKY TRAPS FOR FOOD MOTHS

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Dear customer, here you will find information about effect and use of moth traps. Please take some time to read this information to ensure that you can use your moths traps optimal! Many thanks!

1) GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CASES OF FOOD MOTH INFESTATION:

What products can be infested by food moths?

Moths prefer grain and cereal products, noodles and rice, nuts and dried fruit, but also spices, tea, pralines, chocolates, as well as pet food.

How can I detect a moth infestation?

An indication for a moth infestation are the so called white cocoons. These are fine white threads that remind us of cobwebs. They cover the infested product, and make it clump together.

Are groceries in packages safe against a moth infestation?

No. Packaging made from plastic or paper does not protect food products against a moth infestation. The tiny larvae can get to the food through small holes (i.e. air holes in rice bags) or through leakages (such as broken packaging).

2) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF MOTH TRAPS:

Are moth traps only useful for detection of a moth infestation, or can they combat moths as well?

Moth traps with pheromone attractants are only useful for detecting a moth infestation. This is because they only catch the male moths but not the egg laying female moths.

When should moth traps be used?

If possible, you should set up the moth traps when you are out of the house, for instance, during a holiday or a weekend excursion.

How long can the moth traps be used?

The attractant in the trap is effective for about three months. If you still are in need of moths traps thereafter, you will have to replace the traps with new ones.



Is the attractant in the trap toxic for humans?

No, the attractant is non-toxic for humans.

How should new and unsealed traps be stored?

Please store new and unsealed traps in the deep freezer (at -17 °C or colder temperatures), because then the attractant cannot evaporate.

3) INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING UP A TRAP

In which rooms should a moth trap be set up?

The trap should be set up in a room where the moth infestation has been detected. When the trap is set up and in place windows and doors should be kept closed is possible. The attractant has a range of up to 100 meters and therefore could also attract moths in the neighborhood.

Which are the best places to set up trap - and which not?

Food moths prefer dark places without air movement. Traps should be set up in such places - also for example behind a fridge or in a dark corner of a pantry. Traps should not be set up in places with lots of light and with strong draft. It is not essential if the trap is placed on the floor or in higher places.

What is to be considered when setting up traps?

It is essential to set up the traps in such a way that neither humans nor animals can come in contact with them. Make sure that they stay free of dust because the stickiness will otherwise wear off.

How can a trap be attached?

In order to set up and attach a trap please remove the protective strip that covers the sticky area on the back. Then press the trap with the sticky side onto a smooth surface. When the trap is attached please remove the protective foil that covers the surface with the attractant.

4) INFORMATION ABOUT HOW MOTH TRAPS WORK

What moth species are caught with the traps?

The males of the most common moth species will be attracted - such as storage, flour, dried fruit and tropical storage moths. Others like seed, meal, corn and grain moths are not attracted.

Why are only male moths attracted?

The attractant use in the traps is a component of the sexual pheromone of the female food moths. This attracts the males who mistake it for females.



5) INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELIMINATING A DETECTED MOTH INFESTATION

How can a moth infestation be eliminated?

Essential for the lasting elimination of a moth infestation is combatting the caterpillars. This is possible with the help of a spray, with heat (of min. 60°C), coldness (-29°C would be optimal) or with the help of ichneumon wasps. The use of ichneumon wasps is very gentle and effective.