

SILVERFISH TRULY ON



Silverfish are silver in colour and prefer a moist environment. They have chewing mouthparts with a flattened, carrot-shaped body, 1 - 2 cm long. Silverfish move quickly and are able to move sideways or jump when disturbed. The average life span is 3-4 years and the average number of eggs 100, with a 43 day gestation.

The food source ranges from insulation, carbohydrates, starches and proteins. Commonly found in food debris or improperly stored food products. Also found in fabrics, such as linen, rayon and cotton. Silverfish will consume paper, specifically starch used in coating paper and are attracted to the glue used in book bindings or wallpaper.



Their harborage found primarily indoors in areas of moisture. Also inspect under storage boxes and debris, unused books, closets, attics, drywall and insulation. Paper showing signs of ragged, eaten edges is a sign of infestation. Actual presence of insect is revealed by yellowish stains on linens and paper.



Customer actions of reducing moisture sources in the structure by repairing leaking pipes, eliminating standing water and ventilating closed off spaces. Use good housekeeping practices, such as regularly vacuuming crack and crevice areas. Seal dry food products to prevent infestation and store books and important papers in sealed containers. Once the food source is established, Silverfish remains in that area. Store food, including pet food, in sealed containers whenever possible.

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