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Bugs

mud and twigs.

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be kept free of standing water. Clogging is not the only pitfall of having gutters on your home. Gutters that aren't cleaned out can foster all sorts of insect activity since most insects thrive in wet eco-debris such as leaves,

Perhaps the most important thing that you can do to prevent infestations is to clean your home regularly. Insects are attracted to food crumbs, sugar, salt and drink that might be left on your counter or tables. Food for humans and pets should be kept in sealed containers. Fruit shouldn't be left out on counters. Take out trash regularly, especially from the kitchen.

SUGAR AND SPICE

ants will not cross.

top of, not inside, cabinets. (It's a lesser known fact that roaches

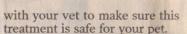
like high places.)

Placing cucumbers by ants' will deter most species. Ants

in your kitchen will keep the flies away.

Citrus is a good ant, spider with your vet to make sure this and flea repellent. For ants, squeeze lemon or lime juice Coffee grounds also can keep across the ants' path to reroute ants and spiders out of your them. Spiders can be kept out home. through much the same method. Simply squeeze lemon juice on your window or door seals. Fleas can be kept at bay by treating your dog or cat with an oil made by pouring boiling water out insects. over a lemon. When the potion

dog or cat's hair with the oil to



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BIGGER SOAP.

OILS ARE ESSENTIAL

Essential oils made from trees and plants are a somewhat more expensive method of keeping

But before using essential repellent. Keeping a basil plant has cooled off, scrub down your oils it's important to check with your doctor if you are pregnant, keep fleas away. Be sure to check breast-feeding or have an infant. It can repel a majority of insects. ants and spiders out. Peppermint chemical repellents.

Likewise, if you have pets, check Other oils recommended with your vet.

your choice diluted with water. citronella, lavender, pennyroyal Generally, use a half-ounce to and tea tree. The best thing about essential oil will deter most moths. Simply oils is that they are safe for place the tiny bag on a closet children without allergies and shelf. Lavender and rosemary can replace store-bought bug are also indicated for keeping repellents that contain DEET.

Lemon eucalyptus oil is known mosquito repellent. recommended as an insecticide. Mint oils are known to keep

for spiders, ants, fleas and Simply use the essential oil of mosquitoes are rosemary,

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an ounce of essential oil with 16 Cedar chips placed in a small ounces of water in a spray bottle. satchel and spritzed with cedar moths at bay. Cedar oil is also a

Coming next week:

The widely advertised DirectBuy buying club offers moneysaving benefits on products for the home, but it's not for everyone.

is the most commonly used oil for this. It can be quite potent, however. If your allergies can't take it, try diluting it further or using spearmint essential oil.

Citronella, geranium and juniper oils prevent houseflies, easily the most common and bothersome pest during the

Eucalyptus oil is suggested to eradicate dust mites, which are a common cause of allergies and asthma in children and adults. Eucalyptus has the added effect of clearing out your sinuses. Be sure to keep this and all other oils away from your eyes, especially if you have allergies, because irritation is common.

NEW USE FOR TOBACCO AND SOAP

Remarkably, even items like tobacco and soap can be used to cut down on infestations. Pipe tobacco juice, diluted with half a cup of lemon dish soap, can be sprayed around the house as a spider deterrent. Just be careful not to spray anything that might stain.

Soap and water is a much less messy alternative. This mixture can serve as an immediate fix for any problem bugs. Simply fill a spray bottle with soapy water and shoot any bug you see. The soap will dry out bugs from cockroaches to ants.

Regardless of what bug you find invading your home, there is usually an easy remedy that will not only save you money but also offer an alternative to

If you have thoroughly cleaned your home and you still find bugs, you may find relief by using some common things found in many home pantries.

Spices such as cinnamon, red chile powder and paprika, as well as apple cider vinegar, have been known to stop ants in their tracks. Simply sprinkle a line near your doors, and the

Garlic is a deterrent for cockroaches and ants. Cockroach remedies should be placed on

point of entry into your home have a natural aversion to cucumbers, especially the bitter Basil is a good fruit fly