



What type of equipment do I need to perform a pest treatment?

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To properly perform a pest treatment the correct type of equipment and supplies will be needed. Some equipment will be required while other equipment will just make treatments easier.

Equipment For Liquid Insecticide Treatments:

When concentrated liquid or wettable powder insecticides such as [Talstar](#), [Suspend](#) or [Demon WP](#) will be used, a hand pump sprayer will be needed to apply the insecticide. There are a wide variety of sprayers available; plastic or stainless steel, 1, 2, 3 or 4 gallon capacities, cart sprayers, and back pack sprayers. For most homeowners a sprayer with a 1 or 2 gallon capacity will do just fine. Do My Own Pest Control offers [Chapin and B&G sprayers](#), both premium lines offer a wide variety of sprayers to fit every need.

Equipment For Dust Insecticide Treatments:

Dust insecticides usually need to be placed in cracks, crevices, holes and wall voids where insects love to hide. In order to get the dust where it must go, a hand duster should be used. As with hand pump sprayers, there are several different [models of dusters available](#). You can purchase manual dusters that work with just a squeeze of your hand for smaller jobs and electric dusters for larger jobs (attics, crawl spaces, gardens). Most home owners purchase the smaller manual dusters for jobs around the house. Some of the dusters offer accessories that may be needed for dusting in carpenter bee holes or around electrical equipment such as the [Puffy D Insecticidal duster](#) and the [B&G 1150](#).

Equipment For Gel Bait Applications:

Most gel baits come in syringe tubes and can be dispensed by using a plunger stick that is usually included. Extra equipment is not generally needed for applying the gel, but a [bait application gun](#) may be desired when bait needs to be applied often or if extension tips are needed to get bait gel into hard to reach areas.

When bait needs to be placed in sensitive areas such as counter tops or cabinets, a [bait plate station](#) can be used. You are able to fill this small container with two different baits at one time (can be used with gel, granule and liquid baits). The bait plate station helps keep the bait off of sensitive surfaces and it helps keep the bait fresh.

Equipment For Crack and Crevice Application:

An aerosol spray is a great choice for getting into those tiny spaces that may harbor insects. Most aerosols sprays such as [Gentrol Complete](#) and [D-Force Insecticide](#) come with straw nozzle attachments to help deliver the spray into the areas that need to be treated. Aerosol sprays work very well for bedbugs, roaches, ants and fleas. As an added bonus, no mixing or special equipment will be required.

Equipment For Fog Applications:

When a fog application of insecticide is desired a fogging machine will be required. The type of fogging machine chosen will depend on the size of the area being treated and the size of the droplet needed. The [Fogmaster JR 5330](#) is great for small areas, while the [B&G Ultra Lite Fogger M2400](#) and the [Fogmaster Micro-Jet ULV 7401](#) are both designed for fogging large indoor areas and have adjustable droplet size for different jobs. Fogging machines should be used with insecticides that are labeled for fogging such as [Riptide](#), [Shockwave](#), [Pyrocyde 100](#) or [Essentria IC Pro](#).

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