

## FLOUR BEETLES



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### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Most eggs hatch within 3-4 weeks
- Flour beetles usually come into a house from infested dried goods

### STEPS USUALLY REQUIRED IN ANY CRAWLING INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM

- Take out garbage daily.
  - Clean up all food and make sure to keep everything clean.
  - Keep dried goods in sealed containers.
  - An aerosol spray is not very effective to kill the insects. These will only kill on contact; a properly labelled residual spray should be used.
- Flour beetles usually will only be found in the kitchen, so it should only be necessary to treat that area they are being seen in.

### USING A RESIDUAL SPRAY

- Apply spray to all baseboards, cracks and crevices.
- Spray will kill on contact and will stay effective for a while, depending on the spray product used.
- Everyone, including animals, must stay out of the premises for at least 4 hours.
- If applying to kitchen cupboards, it is recommended to cover the shelves with lining to protect their items from the chemical. You can thoroughly wash out the cupboards either before spray is applied or after two months when the spray is generally not effective.
- Spray may stain carpet and other materials – a test spot should always be done first before a treatment is done.