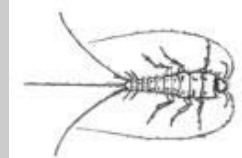


Advice Notes for Pest Control



Silverfish or Firebrat –The Council can treat for silverfish and firebrat at the standard fee.

Description – Adult silverfish are 20mm in length. They are silver grey in colour and do not have any wings. Firebrat are a similar length and are a white brown colour without any wings.

Further Info – Silverfish are a nocturnal and are common in damp conditions such as bathrooms and kitchens. They have an unusual way of mating. The male spins a web of silk thread ejecting semen at the bottom of the strand. He then encourages the female towards the globule. He holds the treat taut so that her body contacts the semen, which is then absorbed into her body.

Silverfish can cause damage to paper documents, textiles and dried fruits.

Firebrat are also nocturnal and are found in very warm environments such as ovens near to fires and boiler rooms. They live on starchy foods and can live for up to 3 years.

How to treat – You can use a insect spray designed for the treatment of silverfish and firebrat which can be bought from any hardware store. You must follow the instructions on the container carefully. Alternatively you could contact a private Pest Control Company from the Yellow Pages.

How the Council treats – We use a spray product in the affected room. It is safe to enter the room afterwards.