

# Environmental Health Advice Note

## PEST CONTROL SERIES

### **Woodlice** *Oniscus asellus. Porcello scaber*

Woodlice live in decaying wood, other vegetation and animal matter. They are a very common species and can usually be found around the garden, sheltering during the day beneath any kind of object such as wood or bricks, especially in neglected corners. They can also be found around door and window sills and will forage indoors mostly at night. Although Woodlice are quite harmless they can be a source of annoyance and concern.

Woodlice that have invaded a home can usually be eradicated by general cleaning. They do not breed indoors so it is important to reduce the amount of material in the garden that is mentioned above.

Although the Woodlice isn't an insect they can be controlled using an insecticide either in aerosol or powder form, which can be sprayed or dusted (using a paintbrush) into cracks.

It is important to remember that whenever insecticides are used to read and follow carefully the instructions printed on the packaging.

