CARPET BEETLES

In New Jersey, carpet beetles are much more numerous and cause more damage than clothes moths.

There are four species of carpet beetles: black, common, furniture, and varied. Immature stages (larvae) feed on a wide variety of materials, not only carpets as their name implies.

Careful housecleaning is essential. Lint should be removed from cracks and crevices in floors and around baseboards. Frequent washing (or shampooing) and vacuum cleaning of all rugs and carpets will be helpful, if the contents of the sweeper bag are destroyed immediately. Dry cleaning destroys carpet beetles, but it will not prevent reinfestation.