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# SPOTLIGHT ON FALL PEST CONTROL

## Termites Work Year Round

While it might seem that termites would only be active during warmer weather, our technicians and inspectors have found termite activity during even the coldest Kansas winters. What this means to you as a homeowner is that you should have your home inspected annually for the presence of a termite infestation. Call our office today to schedule an appointment for a free termite inspection of your home (if you are buying or selling property, there is a \$65.00—\$80.00 fee for a real estate inspection).



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Just in time for back-to-school season, we're really excited to share with you the newly released children's website, [PestWorldForKids.org](http://PestWorldForKids.org), featuring improvements to its design and functionality, and **new teaching materials**.

The educational website now boasts a revamped Critter Crafts section with downloadable instructions and new navigation and **categorization of its learning materials by grade level**. Brand new content has also been added to attract **an audience of young learners, ages three to five**. New printable worksheets teaching letter association, color by number, matching, and counting themes are available for free download. The content is designed for use in daycare, preschool and Pre-K programs, and at home.

We encourage you to join us in showing your support for science education by sharing [PestWorldForKids.org](http://PestWorldForKids.org) on your social media pages and with your communities. Mainframe subscribers have access to a downloadable badge that they can add to their company website to proudly display their affiliation and support this upcoming school year.



### *These Ladies Are a Nuisance*

*About the time of first frost, Ladybugs or Ladybird Beetles may gather on the southern or western sides of your home. They can come into your house through any crack, crevice, open window or hole, and remain inactive until spring. They don't cause any problems except for their presence, sometimes in great numbers! They become active when it gets warm again and try to find their way back outside, where they continue their beneficial work of eating lots of other insects, including major plant pests. They may become active during any warm period during the winter, and often fly to windows or lights at those times. Some kinds of Ladybugs, like the common, wide-spread Multi-colored Asian Ladybug, can come into a house in unbelievable numbers. The best thing to do when they become active in the spring is to help them get outside, alive. You could vacuum the beetles, then remove the vacuum bag, and put that bag in your trash. But it is better to do a preventive careful examination and sealing of all likely entry points before the first cold nights. This can keep most or all of these pests out. For heavy infestations, you may need our help for ongoing surveillance and possibly to treat for any associated secondary pest problems that occur, such as carpet beetles or booklice.*

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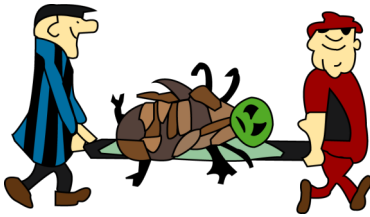
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*Advance Termite & Pest Control has been in business since 1985  
and our certified technicians are well qualified to address all your  
insect, termite, rodent, wildlife and lawn care needs.*

## TIDBITS

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” – Thos. Edison

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“In our own case we accept excuses too easily; in other people’s we do not accept them easily enough.” – C. S. Lewis

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“It’s never too late to give up our prejudices.” - Henry David Thoreau

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Never give up on someone you can’t go a day without thinking about.

**T**his newsletter is intended to bring you information to make your life easier and more enjoyable. Please pass this Newsletter along to friends and relatives who might need our services.

**I**f you have questions, comments, or concerns, call our office at 662.3616 or send an e-mail to [ance@advancepest.com](mailto:ance@advancepest.com).

### CARPENTER ANTS

These large black ants will generally nest in dead trees, injured trees or old firewood outdoors. They create clean galleries in wood, dropping sawdust and dead insect parts into a pile under the nest. Mature colonies can have up to 4,000 ants and will send of winged “swarmers” a few times a year to set up satellite colonies. A large colony outdoors can eventually lead to an infestation in a structure. Carpenter ants prefer soft or moisture-damaged wood to make nests and will travel up to 100 yards in search of food.

Locating and treating the nests of these pests is essential for control. Contact our office for treatment options.

### Black Widow Spiders

A mature female is a globe-shaped, black, shiny spider with a red or orange marking or hourglass on the underside of her abdomen. Males are smaller, brown and not a significant threat to people. A strong, irregular web indicates the presence of a black widow spider. They weave egg sacs which may contain up to 300 eggs. Removal or destruction of the egg sacs may help control the population. This spider is resistant to many insecticides.

#### ***Signs & Symptoms:***

The initial sensation may be painful, with little local reaction. Later, pain, cramping and rigidity may appear in the shoulders, back, chest or abdomen. Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, headache, anxiety and hypertension.

#### ***First Aid:***

Clean the site well with soap and water. Apply a cool compress over the bite location and keep the affected limb elevated to about heart level. Aspirin or Tylenol may be used to relieve minor symptoms. Treatment in a medical facility may be necessary for children less than 5 years old or for adults with severe symptoms. Medical treatment is always advised when a black widow spider bite is suspected.

