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FOCUS ON SUMMER PEST CONTROL

ADDRESSING OUR CUSTOMERS' TERMITE, RODENT AND PEST CONTROL NEEDS SINCE 1985.



Most ant species hibernate outside during the winter, but there are exceptions. Some species will invade a home during the winter — not to survive those long, cold days, per se, but to forage for food. The big problem is finding these pests in the first place. Here are some tips for tracking them down:

- Water is a must for ants, so look in the bathroom, kitchen and anywhere else where moisture can build up, such as along water pipes and indoor drains. Look for leaks, which are practically guaranteed to attract ants.
- If the ants have gotten far enough into the house, look for ant bodies and fragments. These you'll probably find at their points of ingress, such as from window sill gaps, underneath doors, via the floorboards or other openings.
- If you find frass (wood shavings) during your search, the problem is likely carpenter ants. Basements or attics are good places to look first.

Also keep in mind that you may not, in fact, be dealing with an ant problem. It can be difficult to distinguish between ants and termites, for example.

“Fun” Facts About Subterranean Termites (Well, we think they're fun!)

Subterranean termites (found in Kansas) almost always maintain constant travel from a structure back to the soil.

Tiny cracks in concrete slabs or foundation serve as entry points for these termites.

Unnecessary moisture in a structure may attract subterranean termites to specific locations.

Free-standing mud tubes are commonly made by these termites, with one documented tube over 12 feet tall.

In Singapore, gourmet diners consume two-inch long termite queens, either alive, dipped in alcohol, or served in a fine rice wine.



If you discover termites in your home or business, don't panic! It takes 60,000 termites 6 weeks to eat 6" of a 2' x 4'.

The path to a better place is never a straight line. Life is a fork in the road.

LEARNING TO LOVE THE CICADA SWARM



Don't let yourself become a cicada hater, said Isabella Isaacs-Thomas in *PBS.org*. Very soon, parts of 15 states in the East and Midwest will be inundated by the harmless but noisy bugs that emerge only once every 17 years. Between now and early July, billions will climb out of burrows as nymphs, shed their exoskeletons, mate and then die. But don't cower. Make the 2021 emergence more memorable by participating. Using the app Cicada Safari, adults and children can log their sightings to aid researchers. You can learn to distinguish the songs of the three active species at the website Cicada Mania. Cicadas are also edible, and brave eaters can find cooking instructions online. Later, the intricately patterned wings or the carcasses invite craft projects, such as preserving them in resin to make earrings.



Spiders may be a necessary part of nature, but they don't need to be a part of your home!



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Mosquito Prevention 101

Mosquitoes require an aquatic habitat for their early stages of development. By simply removing water resources in which mosquitoes may develop, you can help keep mosquitoes at bay near your home this summer:

- ◇ Don't over water your yard/garden. Standing water becomes a source for mosquito eggs.
- ◇ Empty and refill bird baths at least once weekly.
- ◇ Remove standing water from plant saucers.
- ◇ Change pet dish water once weekly.
- ◇ Change water in kiddie pools and fountains at least once weekly.
- ◇ Make sure trash can lids fit tightly so no water gets inside. Upside-down lids can also serve as water reservoirs.
- ◇ Clean gutters on house and make sure water is flowing properly away from house.
- ◇ Fill in mud puddles
- ◇ Grade yard so water moves away from house and yard.
- ◇ Check tree stumps for standing water.
- ◇ Make sure tire swings and old tires do not contain standing water and keep any swimming pools drained or covered during off months and treated properly during the summer season.
- ◇ Add bubblers or fountains to lakes or ponds to keep the surface constantly rippling.



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During the past several years, approximately 50% of houses in the Reno County area which were inspected for termites showed evidence of an active or previous infestation. This statistic may be shocking to local homeowners, but to area realtors and those involved in real estate inspections, these numbers are right on. Homeowners and home buyers are frequently caught off guard by the discovery of these destructive insects in their own home or in a house they are considering purchasing.



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We sincerely appreciate your business!

