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FOCUS ON SUMMER PEST CONTROL

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



DADDY LONG-LEGS: THE SPIDER THAT ISN'T

Question: When is a spider not really a spider?
Answer: When it is a harvestman.

Harvestmen, often called daddy long-legs, are arachnids and are related to spiders, but they differ in critical ways. Like spiders, harvestmen have eight legs, but if you look closely, harvestmen only have one body section; spiders always have two. In addition to body structure, harvestmen differ from spiders by lacking fangs and venom, two items that spiders always possess. Unlike many spiders, harvestmen don't spin webs to capture prey. They don't have the ability to produce silk and typically catch their prey by surprise or by scavenging it.

Harvestmen are harmless to humans and can even be considered beneficial (albeit somewhat creepy) because some species feed on small insects and other invertebrates, while others are scavengers that will eat nearly everything. They are most common in damp, shady areas such as forests, but can often be encountered around homes, hiding along foundation walls and under siding.

To reduce the likelihood of encountering harvestmen around your home, try to eliminate harborage areas (places harvestmen like to rest or hide) by keeping grass and weeds cut short around foundation walls, removing debris and leaf litter and keeping piles of firewood stored away from buildings.



THE SLEEP TIGHT FOUNDATION

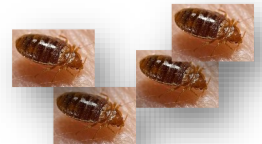
was established in 2018 to help local folks with the costs incurred for eradication of bed bug infestations because
Bed Bugs Bite (Actually, They Suck!)

Bed bug infestations are having a severe social, economic and emotional impact on our community and surrounding communities and many of our neighbors do not have the funds to pay for treatment of their homes for bed bugs.

The Sleep Tight Foundation is currently soliciting funds to help those who are unfortunate enough to experience a bed bug infestation, but are unable to pay all or a portion of the costs required for remediation of the issue.

The Foundation would be grateful for any amount you are able to give and because the Sleep Tight Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation, your donation is tax-deductible.

Your donations can be mailed to: P O Box 1202, Hutchinson KS 67504-1202



*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'.*

CLOVER MITES

What's round and red and can fit on the head of a pin? It's a clover mite – a tiny reddish to dark brown pest often seen on sunny days in early summer. In some cases, clover mites will invade a structure in large numbers. Clover mites are not insects, but belong instead to the arachnid group of arthropods – meaning they have eight legs. They are very tiny (1/30 of an inch), oval-shaped and red in color.

"We must stop regarding unpleasant or unexpected things as interruptions of real life. The truth is that interruptions are real life." - C.S. Lewis

TURF BUGS INVADING YOUR HOME? **THRIPS** live in flowers, on leaves, fruit, bark, in debris, decayed vegetation, and in the soil; they originate and reproduce in the turf and migrate into homes.

SPRINGTAILS are found under leaves, boards, stones, on moist soil, in humus or on moss. They originate and reproduce in turf and migrate into homes.

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 are emptied of standing water and keep 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.



Come meet Addie, our Office Manager for the past several years. She sleeps a lot, but she doesn't let us get by with anything!

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!



Spring's cool air has shifted to summer heat, but insects and rodents seldom take a break. Know what to look for and when to call the experts. Our experienced staff will be happy to help you deal with any pest control situations so that you can enjoy your summer.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Advance offers lawn care services? Call **EARLY (620.662.3616)** to schedule your lawn care service for next spring. We offer several service options and early payment discounts! (Lawn service not offered in all areas.)



This 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.

If you have questions or comments, please call our office at 662.3616 or 800.536.3614 or send us an e-mail at advance@advancepest.com.

We sincerely appreciate your business!

EFFECTIVENESS

If there is a secret to being effective, it is concentration. Effective people do first things first and one thing at a time.

Unfortunately, any analysis of tasks comes up with an inordinate number of important "things" that need to be done! And, any analysis of time discloses an embarrassing scarcity of time available for the work that really contributes. The more you focus on upward contribution, the more you will require large blocks of continuous time. To really get that half-day or two weeks of really productive time requires self-discipline and an iron determination to say "no" to lesser tasks.

Consider also that most of us find it hard enough to do one thing well at a time, let alone two!