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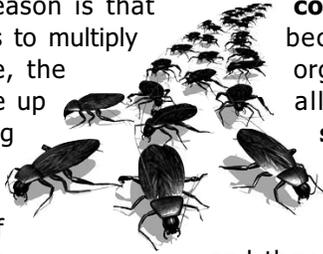
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## Summer-Time Pests Are Coming

Summer-time and hordes of pests go hand in hand. One reason is that warm weather causes pests to multiply much faster. For instance, the common house fly can take up to 6 weeks to grow from egg to adult fly in cool weather, but in warm weather this takes only 6 days! Many of these pests find their way into homes.

While these pests aren't big and impressive like bears and alligators, they nevertheless cause serious damage and health problems. They also can be a nuisance and an embarrassment. Among



the summer pests we encounter are **cockroaches** (a health hazard because of the many disease organisms they carry, and the allergies they cause) and **silverfish**, which eat into books, magazines, and documents. **Ants** are the most common summer pest, and they cause all sorts of problems. Stored food pests like **flour beetles**, **moths**, and **mites** spoil stored human and pet food, and **rats and mice** are health hazards that spoil food and leave behind their droppings, urine, and hairs.

Other pests can inflict painful or

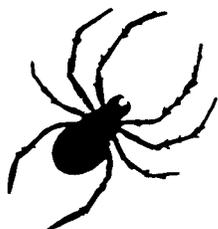
irritating stings or bites or transmit diseases, including **fleas**, **ticks**, **spiders**, **mites**, **bees**, **wasps**, **bedbugs**, **mosquitoes** and others. Some pests, like **carpet beetles** and **clothes moths**, damage clothing, rugs, and other fabrics. **Carpenter ants**, **termites**, and other pests destroy wood in our homes.

Don't let any of these pests get the upper hand in your home! We are the area *pest management experts*. If you know anyone whose home is unprotected from constantly-invading pests, let them know we can help them!

## Spiders and Their Venoms

Few creatures are feared as much as spiders. There are over 3,000 species of spiders in this country. Fortunately most of them can't penetrate our skin with their fangs. When they do bite people they either don't inject any venom, or not enough to affect us. Keep in mind, spiders do not actively seek out people to bite.

Nevertheless, there are two types of spider venom that can cause a serious reaction. The black widow and its cousins have a **neurotoxic venom**. This kind of venom can cause pain as well as muscle cramping, sweating, weakness, and breathing difficulties. Fatalities from their bites occur but are rare.



Brown recluse spiders have a **cytotoxic venom** that can result in a necrotic (ulcerating) wound that is slow to

heal. Bites from these spiders are less common than it might seem. Research shows that many people who think they have been bitten by this kind of spider have not been. There are other things that can cause a necrotic wound. They include bites from other pests, as well as conditions completely unrelated to pests, such as certain kinds of bacterial and fungal infections, and ulcers from diabetes or bed sores.

Recent evidence shows that the common sac spiders, which many people believed caused necrotic wounds, don't cause those wounds at all. Their bites cause a sharp pain like a bee sting, so it is a neurotoxin.

We are the area experts at spider control. Keep in mind that reinfestations occur when young spiders catch a breeze and use it to "parachute" to your home on a silk strand. Also, some spiders are "hunting spiders" that frequently wander indoors.

## Pest Prevention Tip of the Month

Remove bird nests from eaves and branches touching your home immediately after the young birds stop using the nests. Various blood-sucking and scavenging bugs live in these nests, and leave the nests when the birds leave. These pests sometimes crawl into homes from the abandoned nests.

