

Prevention Tips

Check out these tips for preventing **household pests**, **pest infestations** and the potentially dangerous **health** and property threats they pose. Find out how to prevent **bugs** and **rodents** from entering your home, how to avoid outdoor insects like **mosquitoes** and **bees** and how to protect your family and property from **disease** and property damage.

- Seal cracks and holes on the outside of the home including entry points for utilities and pipes.
- Keep tree branches and shrubbery well trimmed and away from the house.
- Keep basements, attics, and crawl spaces well ventilated and dry.
- Store garbage in sealed containers and dispose of it regularly.
- Repair fascia and soffits and rotted roof shingles; some insects are drawn to deteriorating wood.
- Replace weather-stripping and repair loose mortar around basement foundation and windows.
- Store fire wood at least 20 feet away from the house and five inches off the ground.
- Call a qualified pest professional for additional advice and treatment if necessary.

