

YEAR-ROUND PEST DEFENSE PLAYBOOK

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PEST SERVICES



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WINTER

Common Pests Include:

Mice, rats and other rodents, spiders, cluster flies, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- Inspect and seal cracks around windows, doors, and baseboards
- Store holiday decorations in plastic bins (not cardboard)
- Check attic and basement for rodent activity or droppings
- Keep pantry food in airtight containers
- Clean behind appliances and under sinks to eliminate crumbs and moisture
- Schedule a winter pest inspection to monitor indoor activity

SPRING

Common Pests Include:

Ants, termites, wasps, carpenter bees, bats, woodchucks, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- Check for signs of termite activity or mud tubes
- Repair damaged screens and door seals
- Clear leaf litter and mulch at least 6–12 inches from the foundation
- Declutter garage and storage areas
- Deep clean kitchen and pantry; discard expired food
- Inspect and clean gutters to prevent moisture buildup
- Schedule perimeter pest treatments before consistent warm weather arrives

SUMMER

Common Pests Include:

Mosquitoes and ticks; stinging insects like wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, fleas, cockroaches; and wildlife such as bats, woodchucks, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- Mow grass and trim vegetation away from siding and foundation
- Remove standing water (birdbaths, kiddie pools, flowerpots)
- Rinse and tightly close outdoor trash and recycling bins
- Check window screens for holes or tears
- Keep pet food sealed and avoid leaving it out overnight
- Wipe kitchen counters and check sinks nightly
- Inspect outdoor play equipment and sheds for wasp nests or rodent activity
- Schedule your pest inspections and preventative applications

FALL

Common Pests Include:

Stink bugs, boxelder bugs, rodents, spiders, cluster flies, squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- Designate a drop zone for backpacks, shoes, and lunch bags
- Clean out backpacks weekly to avoid forgotten food items
- Store out-of-season clothes and décor in plastic bins with tight lids
- Seal exterior cracks, gaps around pipes, and utility entry points
- Rake leaves and clear debris from around the home's perimeter
- Install or replace door sweeps and weather stripping
- Schedule a fall treatment before overwintering pests try to move in